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Paris to cut rates
The rates of interest on the French money market will be cut Monday, Finance Minister Jacques Delors says. Unlike its EEC partners, France did not alter its interest rates last week despite further interest rate drops in the U.S. — Page 11

Polish alert
Poland's martial law authorities draft extra security units to counter planned demonstration Tuesday. The demonstrations are to celebrate the second anniversary of the Gdansk accord setting up Solidarity. — Page 16

France nabs 2 top terrorists

PARIS, Aug. 29 (R) — Two international terrorists have been arrested in an important move in the fight against a rising wave of political violence in Paris, the interior ministry said Sunday.

Police sources said those detained — a man and a woman — were arrested by members of the elite National Gendarmerie Intervention Group (GIGN) in a raid on an apartment in the Paris suburb of Vincennes Saturday night. Eyewitnesses said they were taken away in handcuffs and police sources said documents and explosives were also seized.

The sources said the fact that the GIGN were involved and that an initial announcement about the arrests had come from the Elysee presidential palace pointed to the importance the government was placing on the arrests. The interior ministry's statement said the arrests were the first fruits of a determined drive against terrorism announced earlier this month by President Mitterrand. "Two international terrorists have been arrested for reasons of security no further details can be issued at present," the ministry said.

The earlier statement from the Elysee Palace said only that two important arrests connected with international terrorism had been made. There was no initial indication from the police sources as to the identity of the two persons. Police have been hunting Jean-Marc Ronilhan, leader of the banned Action Directe group, which has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks against Jewish-linked targets in recent weeks.

It was this wave of attacks and others involving Middle Eastern targets that prompted President Francois Mitterrand to appoint Joseph Franceschi as his secretary of state in charge of security. A team of specialists was set up to intensify and coordinate efforts against the violence.

Ronilhan, the subject of an arrest warrant, recently wrote a letter to a judge offering to appear before him to show that Action Directe was not involved in the gun and grenade attack against a Jewish restaurant earlier this month. Six persons were killed in that attack.

A neighbor living in the apartment block where the two persons were detained Saturday night said a large number of heavily armed police arrived and surrounded the building. They entered the apartment and emerged with the pair. One neighbor said the woman spoke with a strong foreign accent. "The police told me to stay in my apartment. They came down a little later with two persons, a man and a woman, in handcuffs," the neighbor said.

Residents said the apartment had been rented by a man who spoke to no one except the concierge.



King Hassan

Hassan raps Arabs for humiliation

RABAT, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — Arab League foreign ministers Sunday set about planning an agenda for a reconvened summit conference to map Middle East policy in the wake of the Lebanon war.

King Hassan of Morocco told the ministers at the opening of their conference Saturday night to prepare for a full-scale Arab summit that would enable the Arabs to recover their dignity. Urging the delegates to avoid issues which will create divisions in the Arab world, he said: "What has happened to us, all our differences, our humiliations, all our misfortunes, is the price we pay for being divided. And we all pay it dearly."

"Your mission is to discuss points making for unanimity, and to avoid any burning topics which might provoke dissension," he said in an impromptu 15-minute speech at the royal palace. Leave it to the heads of state to sort out the problems in private in a frank and fraternal atmosphere," King Hassan told the delegates of the 20 League members represented. (Libya is absent.)

The king, painting a gloomy picture of divisions in the Arab world, did not make proposals of any kind, but in general terms urged Arab countries to "transcend their selfishness."

King Hassan said he hoped the two-day ministerial meeting, the first of its kind since Israel moved into Lebanon, would mark a return to "Arab dignity" and "wipe out the injustice and humiliation incurred by the Arab world's disunity." It was not the Palestinian issue that was likely to prove divisive, he said. "Our common cause is the one concerning the honor of a hundred million Muslims and the faith of a thousand million Muslims. It would be stupid for each one to try to place his own selfishness in the balance in the face of the seriousness of what we are going through," the king warned.

The king's remarks highlighted the scope for disagreement in the Arab world following the Israeli invasion and the evacuation of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) commandos from West Beirut. The PLO has accused its fellow Arab League members of failing to come to its aid during the Beirut crisis. But the PLO representative, Farouk Kaddoumi, also called his colleagues to end their differences.

The opening of the meeting was broadcast live on the state television but no newsmen were allowed in the conference hall. Tight security measures were taken to keep the ministers away from the press in order to give the talks maximum privacy, Arab diplomatic sources said.

Saudia-Williams triumphs at Dijon

DIJON, France, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — Finland's Keke Rosberg raced to glory when he piloted his atmospheric Saudia-Williams to a superb victory in the Swiss Grand Prix, for his maiden success in Formula One Saturday.

Rosberg burst into the lead on the third of the last lap, hyping early leader Frenchman Alain Prost in a turbo-charged Renault, to explode the myth of turbo-powered cars' domination on the Gijon track. The victory also propelled the Saudia-Williams ace to the top of the world championship standings. Rosberg, who had narrowed the gap between injured leader Didier Pironi of Ferrari by finishing second at Zeltweg, took advantage of Prost's broken skirt to zoom past the Frenchman. Two-time world champion Austrian Niki Lauda, in a McLaren, finished third behind Prost.

The Swiss Grand Prix, revived after 25 years, witnessed a mix-up when the race stewards dropped the checkered flag after the cars had whizzed around the 3.8 kilometers track 81 times, one lap more than the scheduled number. The last winner of the race was the legendary Argentine Juan Manuel Fangio in 1954.

Ferrari failed to field a team for the race. Their No. 1 driver Pironi has been forced out of the championship following a crash in Hockenheim, and Patrick Tambay — the German Grand Prix winner — pulled out at the last moment due to injury. (Details Page 13).

Bishara sees Israeli threat

MANAMA, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — The Israeli invasion of Lebanon shows that the Gulf states may be a target for future Israeli attacks, the secretary general of the situation Gulf Cooperation Council was quoted as saying Saturday.

"The geographical distance no longer holds because of the ambitious, shrewdness and means of destruction possessed by the Zionist enemy," Abdullah Bishara was quoted as saying by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency. "What happened in Beirut is also a challenge to the Gulf area," he added. "It is a reply to anyone who imagines that the Zionist danger is far off."

The agency said Bishara made the statement in Qatar, where he arrived on the second leg of a tour comprising that Gulf state and the other GCC members — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

Bishara said the GCC, now in its second year, plans 24 meetings over the next two months, eight of them at the ministerial level, in advance of a November summit. The meetings include conferences by the defense, interior and oil ministers of the GCC states.

Arafat set to leave today

BEIRUT, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat will leave West Beirut by sea Monday, probably after attending a public farewell ceremony, a reliable Palestinian source said here Sunday.

The source said Arafat would take a special ship — escorted by two ships from one of the multinational huffer force participating countries — and go to a friendly country. Arafat said on Lebanese state radio Saturday night that his departure would not take place in secret.

Without specifying when he would leave, Arafat said: "I am the chairman of the executive committee of the PLO and the commander-in-chief of the Palestinian forces."

Reagan decides to veto bill

SANTA BARBARA, Aug. 29 (R) — President Reagan's veto of a supplemental appropriations bill has set up another confrontation with Congress next month when it returns from the summer holiday.

The president announced Saturday his intention to veto a \$14.1-billion measure designed to provide the government with enough funds to keep it running for the remainder of the current fiscal year which ends in October. Reagan's complaint about the bill is that the Democrats added on some \$918 million in domestic programs, many of which he had vetoed previously, such as college grants and job training for the elderly.

He said he was vetoing the measure because "it would bust the budget by nearly a billion dollars," increasing the deficit and slowing economic recovery. Unless Reagan and Congress find some way to end the impasse, the

Palestinian homeland issue Jordan lambastes Israeli contention

AMMAN, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — Jordan Saturday rejected Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's view that the Palestinians already have a homeland in Jordan.

A government spokesman said that Sharon's remarks, made in Washington Friday after a meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, indicated Israel was preparing to annex the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Jordan has been and will be a temporary asylum for the Palestinians until they get back their homeland on Palestinian national soil," Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh said in an interview. "Sharon is merely declaring the (intended) annexation of the West Bank of the Jordan — and also the obstinate refusal of the Likud (Party) government to withdraw from the territories that were occupied in 1967."

Odeh said that Jordan continued to seek a diplomatic solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and was willing to enter into negotiations

"provided the basis are agreed upon by the parties." However, he said, "if this is the Israeli offer, it would be unreasonable to think that anyone would go and negotiate with them."

Odeh identified Jordan's "basic principles" upon which negotiations could be founded as "withdrawal for peace, and the right of the Palestinians to self-determination. These are not negotiable. From there, one can come to the table."

Meanwhile, in Washington, Sharon told a meeting of leading American Jews Friday night that Israel's invasion of Lebanon had opened new avenues toward peace in the Middle East. "I believe we can now reopen the dialogue with the Palestinians in search of a basis for peaceful co-existence," he told about 600 Jewish leaders at a fund-raising dinner for Israel.

But outside the Hilton Hotel where he spoke, several hundred demonstrators shouted protests against Sharon, who led the invasion. The demonstrators included Palestinians, and a group of American Jews.

Sharon said in an interview published in Washington that the new Lebanese government was not yet capable of "dealing with Lebanon's present situation." If Israel abandons control of the Beirut-Damascus Road and the Syrians remain near Beirut, Sharon said, the Lebanese government would not survive. Israeli troops should remain in Lebanon, he added, but "much less" than the 15 years they stayed in the Sinai.

Fahd receives Bongo's message

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — King Fahd Sunday received a written message from Gabon's President Omar Bongo, delivered by visiting Gabonese presidential envoy Hamdi Omid Miknas.

The royal audience was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. Later on King Fahd received a number of eizizens at an open meeting at his office to hear their suggestions and complaints.

Weight loss by hypnosis

NICE, Southern France, Aug. 29 (AFP) — A woman weighing 61.8 kilos lost 8.3 kilos after being in a medically controlled hypnosis slimming sleep for a world record 300 hours, doctors announced here Sunday.

Adrienne Cecchini, 38, was put into a deep sleep Aug. 16 by professional hypnotist Jacky Nuguet and was awakened Saturday evening. Throughout the 13 days, a medical team watched over Mrs. Cecchini, who was given no solid food during that time. "She is 1.54 meters tall, and weighed 53 kilos after the hypnosis experiment. She lost weight around her arms and thighs."

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Arab peace plan tops Fez agenda

RIYADH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — A Palestinian leader Sunday expressed hope that efforts exerted by Saudi Arabia and some Arab states would lead to the success of the upcoming Arab summit.

In an interview with *Al-Massiyah*, Fatah leader Khalid Al-Hassan said "it is preferable that Arab leaders hold on other summit if the Fez summit does not succeed."

He added that an Arab peace plan would be on "top of the agenda of the forthcoming summit in Morocco with some amendments and rewriting."

The Palestinian leader said the question of setting up a Palestinian government-in-exile would be discussed later.

He added that the Palestinian future political role would depend on the "American stand and whether it coincides with the Arab political view, including recognition of the PLO Palestinians rights of self-determination and establishment of an independent state on

Palestinian soil."

At the same time, the chairman of the Palestinian Red Crescent Organization, Dr. Fathi Arafat has lauded Saudi Arabia's liberal aids to the organization before the outbreak of war in Lebanon.

In an interview with the *Al-Riyadh* Sunday Dr. Fathi said Saudi Arabia's financial grants had enabled the organization to purchase medical supplies and equipment.

"The organization was able to construct eight hospitals and six operation theaters within a record time of 13 months," he added.

Dr. Fathi said the Palestinian commando movement suffered an estimated 4,000 killed and 32,000 injured in 10 weeks of war with the Israeli invaders in Lebanon.

He added that the injured Palestinian fighters will be sent to Britain, France, Italy, Yugoslavia and the U.S. for medical treatment.

State budget projects SR315m

RIYADH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — An additional SR315 million have been allocated under the 1982/83 state budget for development projects already approved by King Fahd in various cities and villages. The funds will be expended over three years.

The projects had been proposed by a committee of state undersecretaries which visited the various areas of Saudi Arabia and submitted a report to the king. The committee chairman, Prince Salman, who is also the governor of Riyadh, said that the projects will include municipal, agricultural, health, road, electricity, telephone and other projects. The amount will cover the projects of 32 municipalities and rural complexes.

Foremost among such projects is the asphalt-paving of all cities and villages falling within the perimeter of Riyadh, the establishment of storm water drainage and drinking water networks in most of the area's cities and the creation of gardens and public parks. They also include the construction of pedestrian tunnels and bridges and the preparation of storm water drainage studies.

From the SR315 million, SR60 million were earmarked for Al-Kharj, SR10 million for Al-Dolom Municipality, SR5.5 million for Al-Hayathem Municipality, SR23.5 million for Al-Mujammaa Municipality, SR14.1 million for Hawtat Sudair Municipality, SR6.5 million for Rawdat Sudairi, SR4.5 million for Al-Jalajel, SR0.5 million for Tamir, SR8 million for Al-Ghaat, SR2.3 million for Al-Zalifi, SR5.5 million for Thadeq, SR5.3 million for Al-Horaymala'e, SR7 million for Al-Der'eyyah, SR6 million for Al-Ayina and Al-Jubailah, SR6.5 million for Sbaqra'e.

Ahsa approves SR21.2m grant

AHSA, Aug. 29 (SPA) — SR21.2 million worth of projects have been approved by the Agriculture and Water Ministry for Ahsa Region, the ministry's branch director, Ahmad Ismail said Sunday.

The projects include a poultry farm with a capacity of 1.4 million chickens per annum; and three egg-producing poultry farms with a combined capacity of 19.5 million eggs annually. Ismail said that eight farms for producing chickens and 28 others for producing eggs are being studied for Ahsa region. The studies will be submitted to the ministry for approval, he added.

Chicken producing farms in the region number now 64 projects with an annual productive capacity of 3.6 million hens. Ismail said. Forty-nine other poultry farms produce 1.3 million eggs in each course, he added.

ISF receives \$2m donation

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Saleh Kamel, the owner of Dallah-Avco, and Al-Harethi, have each donated \$1 million from their personal funds to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, an offshoot of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, diplomats returning from Niamey, where the 13th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers was held, Aug. 22-26, told *Arab News* Sunday.

The money will be used to finance a \$100 million Waqf or trust decided at the Third Islamic Summit in Makkah/Taif in January 1981 to generate a steady revenue for the ISF whose \$15-\$20 million budget is solely based on Voluntary donations by Islamic states and individuals. Saudi Arabia already pledged \$10 million. Kamel and Harethi were recently named members of the Waqf's board of trustee by OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti.

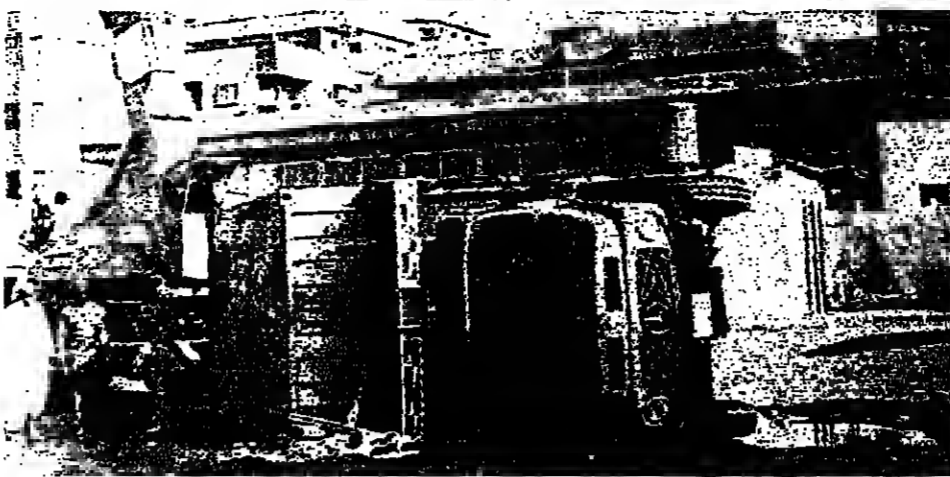
NADC assembly meets

RIYADH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — The constituent assembly of the National Agricultural Development Company (NADC) met Sunday morning to discuss capital subscription, finalize the company's by-laws, appoint an auditor and review the founders' report on the activities and expenses in connection with the company's establishment. The meeting was presided over by Abdul Aziz Al-Modbel, agricultural undersecretary for research and development and acting NADC board chairman.

NADC was set up in 1981 with a SR400 million capital divided into four million shares.

Land surveys planned

LONDON, Aug. 29 (LPS) — Jubail will have extensive land surveys carried out over the next three years at a cost of £8 million. The contract has gone to a Saudi-Scottish partnership — Survey and Development Services of Edinburgh and its sister company of Jaton in Dammam. Survey and Development is seconding 20 of its people, including the senior partner, Ian Mathieson, to Jaton for the work.



(Photo by Mohammed Naji)
OVERTURN: A truck overturned on an intersection between Sharafiah and Sitten streets in Jeddah Sunday. Nobody was injured in the incident. The driver, seen on the left side walking with a traffic officer, was trying to enter the main road through an illegal opening when the truck overturned while descending the pavement. The vehicle was thrown off balance by the weight of a container load.

For use by pilgrims

Portable telephones prepared

MAKKAH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — Portable telephone cabins will be introduced for the first time during this year's pilgrimage season, Makkah District Telephone Manager Samir Dahlan said Sunday. Each cabin will have 12 telephones and they will be moved according to demand, he said.

Eight of the cabins will be stationed in Makkah, one in Taif and one in Madinah. Dahlan said. The number of coin telephones in Mina has been increased to 102, of which 40 will be capable of international direct dialing. Pamphlets on the locations of the telephones and how to make contract have been printed and will be distributed to pilgrims, he added.

There are five fixed cabins for international telephone calls, telexes and telegrams in Mina. Dahlan said. Maintenance operations have been coordinated in a way that will prevent the negative results which

appeared in the previous years, he added. In Arafat, there are four international telephone call cabins. The buildings of these cabins have been designed on the lines of Islamic architecture and they have most modern exchanges, being used for the first time.

Dahlan added that two wireless stations have been installed in Makkah, each with a capacity of handling 70 radio communication devices. The stations will cover the holy places and Makkah, saving time and manpower, he said. The microwave cable between Makkah and Arafat has been increased from 220 to 420 channels.

Telephone services will be provided in Muzdalifa for the first time this year. Two portable coin telephone cabins, a maintenance and repair center and a special center for the maintenance of microwave cables have been established, Dahlan added.

Oct. 18 deadline set

Taxi owners must meet new rules, specifications

RIYADH, Aug. 29 — Owners of old taxicabs will have to choose, next Oct. 18, between moving their plates to a new taxicab, satisfying the latest specifications or abandoning their old ones at once, *Al-Riyadh* reported Sunday. Assistant Traffic Commander Col. Ibrahim Al-Mayman said that any taxicabs more than six-years old will be requisitioned. The Council of Ministers also decided that no more taxi plates should be delivered.

New regulations were established by a special committee to improve safety, reduce accidents, minimize damage and injury in accidents and ensure more comforts to cab passengers in Saudi Arabia. The committee was made up of representatives of the General Traffic Department and the Saudi Standardization Authority.

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The cars must be air-conditioned to suit the climate in Saudi Arabia in and outside the cities, according to the new specifications.

Safety belts will have to be available for the driver and the passenger next to him. A taxi-meter will avoid any dispute over official fares. There will have to be a 10cm x 15cm copper plate behind the front seat mentioning the taxicab license number in Arabic and English and the number of passengers the car is allowed to carry as decided by the Traffic Department.

All taxicabs in Saudi Arabia will be painted a dark yellow. There will be a lighted panel on the top of the cab to show that it is a taxi and indicate whether it is available or busy.

Rental rate regulations abolished

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Residential and commercial Rental rate regulations in Saudi Arabia will be abolished in two months with the beginning of the new Hijrah year 1402, but government officials do not expect any problems whatsoever between landlords and tenants. They told *Al-Massiyah* Sunday that, as a result of grants given by the Real Estate Development Fund, the housing supply exceeds the demand.

Moreover, the Defense Ministry, the National Guard and other military sectors

have been active throughout the past few years, securing lodgings for their staff, which reduced the demand even further. In addition, the anticipated increase has already happened when the rents of old houses were allowed a slight increase a few years ago to cope with the actual standards. However, it is not unlikely, the officials said, that the rent of commercial shops overlooking main streets to the cities' center will be augmented, if the contracts are too old.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:21	12:22	11:54	11:40	12:05	12:34
Asr (Afternoon)	3:46	3:51	3:22	3:11	3:35	4:07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:40	6:43	6:15	6:03	6:27	6:59
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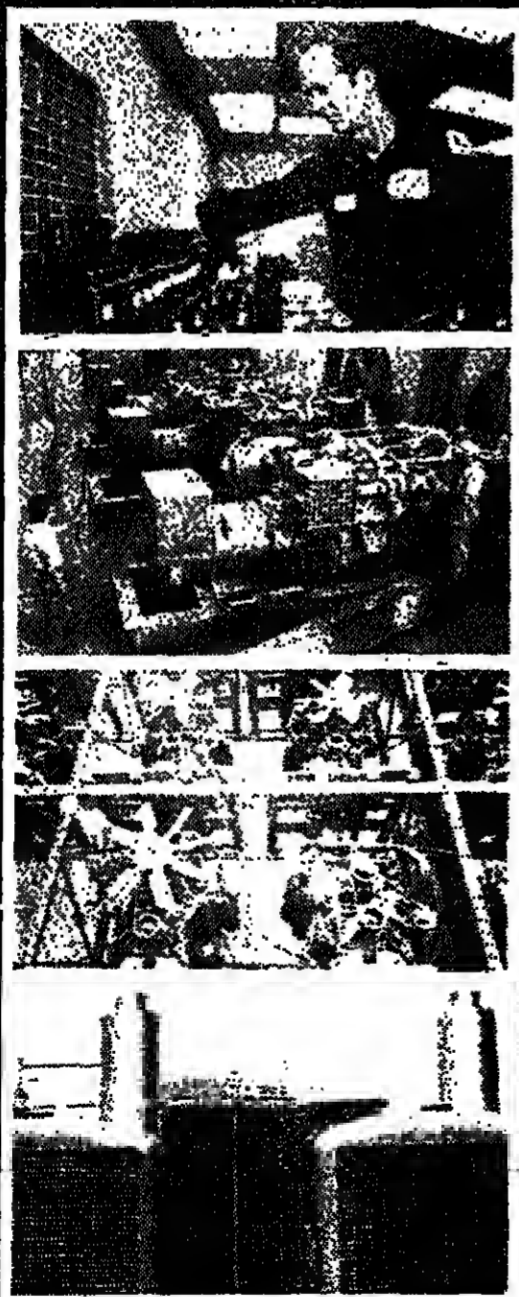
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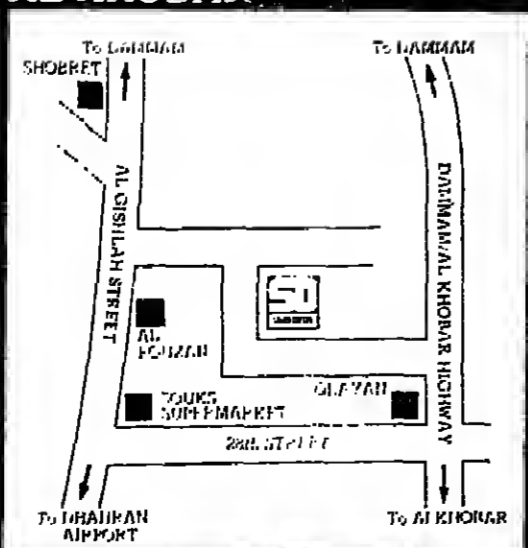
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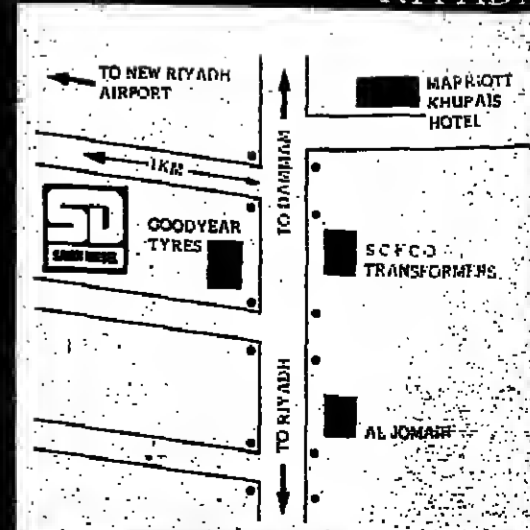
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Revenue increases SR63.3m

Apicorp reports 'tangible progress'

ALKHOBAR Aug. 29 — Tangible progress has been achieved by the Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (Apicorp) according to the firm's annual report and accounts for 1981 and a statement made by Jamal Hassan Jawa, chairman of the board of directors.

Jawa voiced pleasure at the crystallization of joint Arab ventures studied and currently

Arab projects should also be noted," Jawa said.

The corporation continued its lending activities to finance petroleum projects by managing loans to the Jordan Fertilizers Industry Company, to Samir in Morocco, to the General Petroleum Corporation in Sudan and to the Trans-Mediterranean Pipeline Company.

Apicorp recently changed the denomination of the corporation's capital to the U.S. dollar, the currency in which most international banking transactions take place and announced that revenues during 1981 increased by SR63 million to SR196.6 million. Net profits also increased by SR55.1 million, compared to 1980, to SR163.6 million.

The Alkhobar-based Apicorp has managed a portfolio of loans that reached \$1 billion in favor of petroleum projects in Arab countries. The corporation's participation with Arab capital and foreign petroleum industries also have increased to \$68 million, the annual report said.

Among the Arab petroleum industries in which Apicorp took part in financing are a lubricating oil plant in Morocco with a productive capacity of 100,000 tons per annum. The corporation also participated in managing a \$50 million commercial loan. A loan of SR68 million was managed and financed by Apicorp for a Jordanian Fertilizer Industries Company and a SR100 million loan for a Sudanese petroleum corporation to finance several petroleum-related projects. Apicorp also participated in managing a \$150 million loan for the Trans-Mediterranean Pipeline Company of Algeria.

The report also said that Apicorp, in cooperation with the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), established the Arab Engineering Company. The Abu Dhabi-based company was set up with a capital of \$20 million. Apicorp also participated with 10 percent of the capital of the Jordanian Fertilizer Industries Company which amounts to 55 million Jordanian dinars.

Other participations by Apicorp include the establishment of the 72 million Iraqi dinar Arab Detergent Chemicals Company in Iraq. The project is still in the construction stage.

ANNUAL REPORT: The Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (Apicorp) lists its profits and details about projects in its annual report and accounts for 1981.

executed by Apicorp and made special mention of the establishment of the Arab Company for Detergent Chemicals in the Republic of Iraq and the subsequent progress made to implement this important pan-Arab project, the participation of Apicorp in the International Energy Development Corporation and in establishing the Arab Engineering Consultancy Company in the United Arab Emirates.

Moreover, the progress made in the Arab Venture for Lube Oils in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the study of other pan-

Pilgrim preparations to be discussed

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — Highlights of this year's pilgrimage traffic and civil defense plans and necessary preparations for the joint operations hall will be discussed during a Tuesday meeting here of the Pilgrimage Security Forces' commanders. The meeting, presided over by Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, also will consider administrative affairs.

Gen. Al-Sheikh said the meeting precedes the Pilgrimage Security Command's meeting under Interior Minister Prince Naif which will finally endorse this year's pilgrimage

plan. This year's security plan's highlights concentrate on services and their flexibility in regard to traffic inside the holy places. At the same time, the plan covers transportation involving all roads, flyovers and tunnels completed recently in Makkah, Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifa. Gen. Al-Sheikh said. The civil defense plan focuses on safety and fire-fighting centers and units. Mobile safety teams have been reinforced and the number of units and centers increased to enable them perform their duties in a comprehensive way. Speaking of the joint operations department, Gen. Al-Sheikh said that it will be fully prepared to assume the responsibility of serving pilgrims.

Sixth Arabian event

TAIF, Aug. 29 (SPA) — The Furusiya Club will soon hold its sixth race event for Arabian thoroughbred horses. The event will comprise five races for various classes of horses and it will be held at the Hawiya race course.

China Center less prominent, until night lights come on

By Patrick F. Flynn

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — When the Saudi China Commercial Center Apartments opened in late 1979, it was the most prominent Macarona Street landmark north of Palestine Road. Now, four years later it is like a time machine of so much the same, so many things new — perhaps typical of all of Jeddah.

Even when it opened the China Center, or the "China Rose" as it was sometimes called, because of its popular first floor restaurant, was one of the most garish buildings around. It had large neon signs, chasing lights and flashing illuminations.

Now, wedged between a five story mosque

on one side and a six level apartment on the other, both still under construction, the Saudi China Center has lost its landmark prominence — except at night when the lights go on. It is now brighter than it ever was, with numerous new signs on the facade advertising the stores in the new ground-level shopping arcade.

In those early days, during the Yanbu Industrial City project for the Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu, Saudi Parsons rented 30 of the small efficiency apartments. They had a living room with kitchenette, a bedroom, bath, coming completely furnished with daily room service. There still is nothing like them in Jeddah.

Today there have been a few improvements, wall paper and a color TV set.

The China Rose is still serving its well-known Mongolian barbecue along with dozens of other delicious dishes. And on Friday, the restaurant still has its special buffet luncheon (all you can eat for SR50).

The most remarkable change has been the transformation of the street level floor from apartments to a shopping arcade. It is small, but probably the most varied in the city, with Lee Young, Korean artist specializing in portraiture and romantic Arabian scenes making his studio here; a large Philippine Home store with arts and handicrafts, Mousell optical, with elegant eye glasses; Mahan steren, Bashar barber shop, Luxman Hi Fi Studio and the Quality Ice Cream shop managed by Muhammad Ali.

Downstairs, on the basement level, there is another attractive shopping arcade, with the China Home arts and craftwares store, a beautiful selection of home furnishings and objects d'art from China, another tape store and the El Iz grocery store, that also sells Sony electronics and home appliances. If this were not enough, at night, Pakistani vendors are on the street selling clothing and



CHINA ROSE RESTAURANT: One of the many businesses in the Saudi-China Commercial Center is well-known for its Mongolian Barbecue.



MACARONA STREET ENTRANCE: This entrance to the Saudi-China Commercial Center used to be a prominent landmark when the establishment first opened. Now it is bordered on both sides by construction and only comes to life at night when the lights are turned on.

jewelry. The complex is owned by Saad Muhammad Al Nafian and is independent of the Chinese government. Abdel Satar Baha Sallam is the general manager, who also lives on the premises with his family.

The 40 rooms for rent are nearly always occupied with long-term leases by big contractors. Bechtel is the current largest tenant, with 200 room. The average stay is three months, says Sallam.

Residents have international telephone and telex service, laundry and can cook and store food in their rooms. If residents tire of home cooking or Chinese food, there are a variety of other restaurants in the neighborhood.

There is a China Town atmosphere about the place, with the two-toned carved wooden doors and the dramatic red and gold Chinese lanterns hanging from the ceiling, swaying in the breeze in the outside walkways. It is a little bit of San Francisco right here in Jeddah.

Apartment are located on the second and third levels, with all doors opening to the outside covered walkways.

From the third floor landing, you can no longer see the water vendor with his donkey drawn cart. And where Macarona was one long ditch, there is now attractive landscaping and palm trees in the center median.

Quran competition

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — A Holy Quran memorization competition will be organized by the Western Region Youth Welfare Office Sept. 9 for sports clubs in Jeddah. First and second place winners will be given cups and cash prizes. The competition aims at encouraging youth to memorize the Holy Book and create the spirit of honest competition among the youth in addition to boosting their moral, religious and cultural values.

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4 commando leaders, 700 others arrive in Syria

DAMASCUS, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, arrived by sea from Beirut at the Syrian port of Tartous late Saturday night along with a 700-strong contingent of evacuated commandos, officials reported Sunday.

He was accompanied aboard the Italian vessel *Sant'Elia* with Navef Hawatmeh, leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Ahmad Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, and Talaat Yacoub, leader of the Arab Struggle Front.

The four were greeted by Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Walid Hamdoun and other senior officials. The four commando factions are members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In the meantime, four hundred Palestinians carrying their personal weapons disembarked at Tartous Sunday to a tumultuous welcome from the South Yemeni leadership and thousands of local people. President Ali Nasser Mohammed and first deputy Premier Col. Ali Attar personally fired bursts of machine

gun fire into the air as the first of the Palestinians stepped ashore.

South Yemeni soldiers and the Palestinians followed suit. Round upon round of gunfire crackled, while ships in port sounded their sirens and the crowd joined in singing Palestinian revolutionary hymns.

The Palestinians were transported in lorries to the city's central square where they took part in a military parade.

This first contingent of Palestinians to arrive in Aden is composed of members of Fateh's Al Assifa military wing, members of the PFLP and DFLP. They left Beirut on Aug. 23 aboard the Greek ship *Alkion*. A second contingent of Palestinian combatants is due to arrive here Monday or Tuesday.

President Ali Nasser has said his country was prepared to take 2,000 Palestinian orphans into South Yemeni schools. He made the statement to 600 young South Yemenis about to leave to study in Cuba. Aden radio reported Sunday that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had accepted an invitation to visit South Yemen at a date which was not specified.

402 policemen dismissed in Dacca

DACCA, Aug. 29 (AFP) — The Bangladesh military government of Gen. Hussein Mubammad Ershad has fired 402 policemen, including nine senior officers for corruption, misconduct, abuse of power or moral offenses. It was the first major crackdown on the 50,000 strong police force by the military rulers since they came to power in a bloodless coup five months ago.

An official announcement Saturday night said the nine officers dismissed included one deputy inspector general, one assistant inspector general and one superintendent of police.

The action was taken under a new martial law empowering the government to dismiss, retire or terminate the contract of any government servant without assigning any reason. Such action could not be challenged in any court.

The new military regime has pledged to streamline the administration by making it free from corruption and inefficiency. Among the latest dismissals were six inspectors, 106 sub-inspectors, two sergeants and 222 constables.

Earlier, over 25 senior civil officials including six ministry secretaries had been either dismissed or retired. In the foreign service, 15 ambassadors, mostly political appointees of previous regimes, and six diplomats were dismissed or retired.

New Chad fighting claims 25 lives

PARIS, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Twenty-five persons have been killed and about 50 wounded in new fighting in southern Chad between the Armed Forces of the North (FAN) of Hissene Habre and the Democratic Revolutionary Council (CDR) led by Acheik Ibn Omir, the CDR said here Sunday.

Habre's troops took control of the Chadian capital Njamena on June 7 after a long and bloody civil war, ousting the government of President Goukouni Oueddei which the CDR had supported.

In a communique here, the CDR said that the FAN attacked CDR positions at Nguri, some 50 kms from Sarh, on Thursday and that the fighting continued into Friday. The casualty toll was provisional, the communique said.

Death demanded for Ghotbzadeh

TEHRAN, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Former Islamic courts judge Hojatolislam Sadeq Khalkhali, now an Iranian parliament member, Sunday called for former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh to be sentenced to death.

Ghotbzadeh is currently on trial for plotting to overthrow the Iranian regime and killing spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

During a parliamentary session Khalkhali said, "The Iranian people demand strongly that the court give the death penalty to Mr. Ghotbzadeh and other people implicated in this plot to assassinate the imam (Ayatollah Khomeini)."

Arafat set for talks with Papandreou

ATHENS, Aug. 29 (R) — A pro-government Athens newspaper said Sunday Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat would arrive here on Wednesday for talks with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou before going on to Tunisia. The paper, *The Sunday Vima*, said Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), would spend two days in Greece, which has given the PLO strong verbal support since the Israelis invaded Lebanon on June 6.

Foreign ministry officials were unavailable for comment on the report. It said Arafat and a 60-member entourage would arrive at Piraeus on the Greek ship *Atlantis* from Beirut, from which Palestinian commandos are currently being evacuated.

The *Sunday Vima* said the PLO group would board the *Atlantis* Monday and the ship would be escorted on its crossing by three vessels from the American, French and Greek navies.

Quoting what it called exclusive sources, the paper said the Arafat group would be accompanied aboard by Greek officers now on their way to meet him in Beirut. The paper said arrangements for Arafat's trip to Greece were made between the Greek government and the special U.S. envoy in the Middle East, Philip Habib.

An official of the PLO in Athens declined to confirm or deny the story, which said strict security measures would be imposed during Arafat's stay. The Socialist government of Papandreou has already invited the PLO leader to live in Greece temporarily.

BRIEFS

LISBON, (R) — Portugal's former Prime Minister Mario Soares, returning from a visit to Beirut, said Saturday night that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat did not appear to be a finished man. Soares, vice-president of the Socialist International, also said a solution to the Palestinian problem leading to a Palestinian state was still possible.

WASHINGTON, (R) — The administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), Peter McPherson, has left for Beirut to survey Lebanese relief needs. AID said in a statement that McPherson is to meet Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, President-elect Bashir Gemayel, United Nations officials and U.S. relief workers.

LONDON (R) — Twelve Kurdish guerrillas were killed and five wounded in a gun battle with revolutionary guards in a village near the western Iranian town of Takah, Tehran radio reported Saturday. The radio, monitored in London, said fighting erupted when guardsmen attacked the village Friday to flush out guerrillas.



WOUNDED: A French Legionnaire is carried on a stretcher Saturday after he was wounded while clearing land mines in the old commercial section of Beirut. The French troops have started to deploy around the "Green Line" between East and West Beirut.

'Turkey need not adopt Western norms'

Evren defends draft constitution

ANKARA, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Turkish Head of State Gen. Kenan Evren Sunday defended the country's controversial draft constitution by insisting that Turkey need not adopt a document conforming to "Western norms." "We have never promised that the constitution that we are writing will allow more freedoms than the former one," he said in a speech marking the 60th anniversary of a Turkish victory over Greece.

"We are not obliged to accept the norms that Western nations want to impose on us," he said.

The draft constitution, currently under debate by Turkey's Consultative Assembly, will be presented next month to the governing National Security Council which will put it into final form for a nationwide referendum to be held Nov. 7.

The text, made public last month, has drawn liberal, university and union criticism

for severely restricting personal freedoms in an apparent concern to preserve state authority.

Evren blamed the former constitution of 1961 for leading to a situation which forced the military to intervene in September 1980, saying it allowed for "interpretations too broad."

In response to international human rights groups which have accused the military regime of torture, Evren said the same organizations ought to be aware of the "inhuman tasks and treatment" inflicted on Turkish immigrant workers in Europe.

He also warned that Turkey would "take the necessary action without accounting to anyone" in the face of continuing Armenian terrorist attacks against Turkish representatives abroad. A Turkish Embassy military attaché was killed Friday in an attack in Ottawa.

Karmal blames America for Afghan crisis

NEW DELHI, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal accused the United States of seeking to tie down an estimated 100,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan, the Indian News Agency (PTI) reported Sunday.

In an interview with the agency Karmal said, "It is the international reaction, specially the United States", which is provoking crisis in this region and not letting Soviet troops return to their country." He added that all problems with his country's eastern neighbor, Pakistan, could be resolved through negotiations.

"What is required is a commonsense approach on the part of Pakistani rulers and a readiness for direct talks (with Afghanistan)," he said. Karmal said the U.S. administration aimed to undermine the Soviet Union by preventing peace initiatives and by creating problems for Moscow.

PTI reported that he said the recent talks with Pakistan conducted under the auspices of the United Nations in Geneva were "very useful." But he also accused Pakistan — as well as Iran — of preventing the return home of Afghan refugees living in those countries.

Karmal claimed the security and political stability of his Soviet-backed government was increasing "day by day, week by week and month by month."

He alleged that the situation in Afghanistan would become completely normal within a couple of months if "interference from outside ceased." Karmal acknowledged that a visitor to Kabul could hear "firing here and there," and blamed it on freedom fighters.

"The counter-revolutionary forces cannot resist the government and the armed forces openly, that is why they come in small groups," he said, apparently admitting Muslim resistance.



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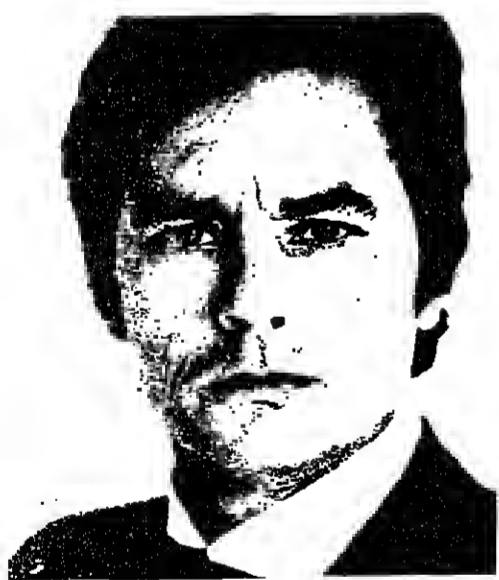
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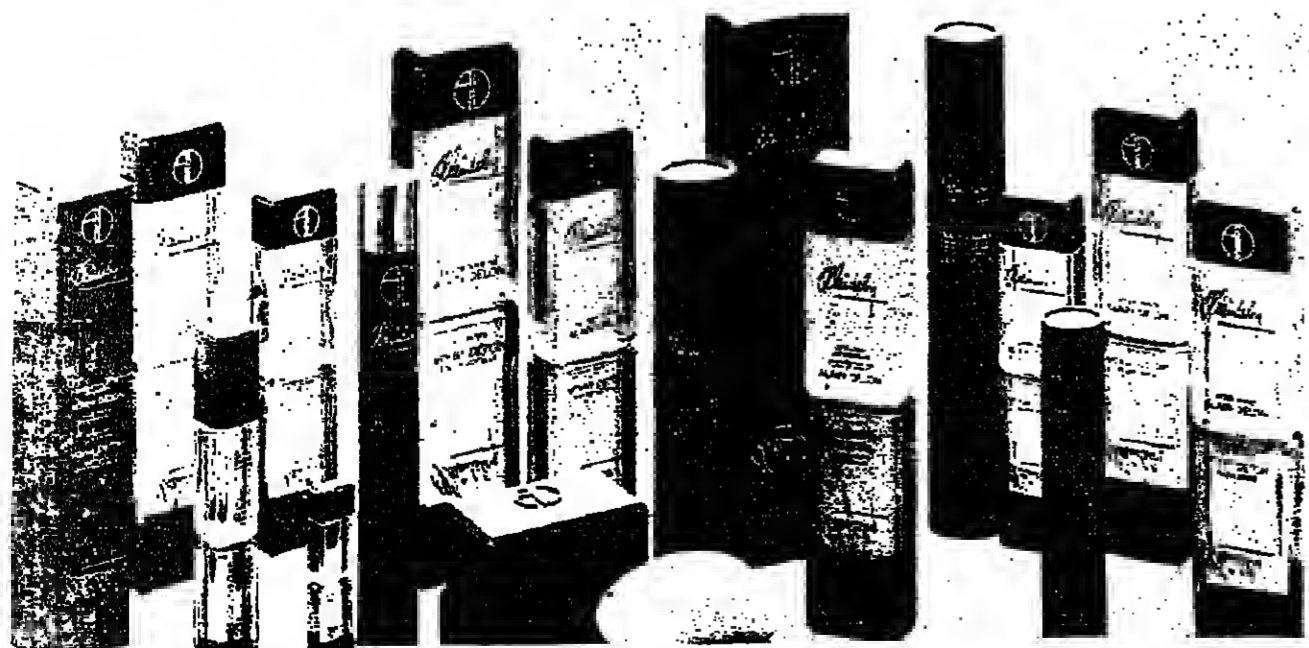
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At Honolulu meeting

U.S. to press Japan on big defense effort

TOKYO, Aug. 29 (AP) — The United States is expected to press Japan to speed up its purchase and deployment of front-line military arms and finalize its plan for defending sealanes up to 1,000 miles off the Japanese islands, defense analysts predict.

They said U.S. pressure would be mounted at a joint working meeting on defense cooperation in Honolulu, Hawaii, from Monday to Wednesday.

Defense and foreign service officials from the two countries are to gather in the "security subcommittee," for "free and informal" talks but since President Ronald Reagan took office there has been a demand for more Japanese defense spending.

In May 1981, President Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki issued a joint communique in Washington which agreed on Japan's "greater defense efforts" under the 1960 U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. The Reagan administration, which is concerned by the Soviet military threat, is dissatisfied with Japan's "freeloading" on the U.S. military presence in the Far East and wants Japan to build up its military might in proportion to its economic power, according to the analysts.

At the subcommittee meeting last year, the United States said a 7.5 percent increase in Japanese defense spending for this fiscal year was much too small and Japan's self-defense forces were far from combat ready.

This year, the Japanese government has set its defense outlays for fiscal 1983 at about \$11,100 million, a rise of 7.34 percent on the preceding year, while other departments were ordered to hold down their requests for

budgetary appropriations.

The action has so far received a favorable response from Washington which, nonetheless, wants the increase to be allotted exclusively to improve defense capabilities and not to bear personnel and other auxiliary costs. Tokyo has come up with a five-year defense buildup plan in time for the meeting, to buy F-15 fighter-interceptors, P-3-C anti-submarine patrol planes, fleet escorts and weapon systems for an estimated \$17,600-18,400 million between 1983 and 1987.

These new front-line armaments could be the answer to the U.S. demand that Japan reinforce its air and naval power in the Pacific to help the U.S. forces cope with the Soviet military buildup, the analysts said.

It was estimated that with the armament plan and logistical and personnel costs Japan's proposed defense spending would total \$62,400-65,600 million over the five-year period. This would top one percent of gross national product — the limit set by the government in 1976.

Lt. Gen. Charles Donnelly, the U.S. military commander on Japan, called the plan "ambitious." Nevertheless, the United States wants Japan to start the plan more than one year ahead of schedule and speed up the purchase and deployment of arms.

Another topic at the latest meeting will be a long-pending U.S. request for the transfer of Japanese military technology, which U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and his Japanese counterpart Soichiro Ito are expected to discuss in Washington in late September.

Greece interested in Mirages

ATHENS, Aug. 29 (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, who will welcome French President — and fellow Socialist — Francois Mitterrand here Wednesday, has expressed hopes that close cooperation with France will cover scientific research and arms industries as well as public administration.

Papandreu, who came to power last October, six months after Mitterrand, said "Greece was 'interested' in the possible purchase of French ultra-modern Mirage 2000 fighters, on which a decision is expected in October. But close bilateral cooperation between the two European Economic Community (EEC) partners did not only mean the purchasing of materials, he added in an interview with Agence France-Presse. It was "very important" for Greece that there should be some form of technology transfer, he said.

Papandreu said Greece's overall "ideological conviction" was fully in favor of nonalignment, but the reality of the division

of powers forced it to adopt a different strategy, and it was a member of NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

But though in the Atlantic alliance, Greece was developing a "multidimensional" policy toward the Balkans, both Eastern and Western Europe, the Mediterranean countries, and "especially the Arab world, because we want to actively participate in the peace movement."

Papandreu said that his government's foreign policy was based on opposition to the division of the world into antagonistic power blocs. At the same time, his Socialist Party of Greece (PASOK) was in principle opposed to all nuclear wars.

On American bases in Greece, Papandreu commented: "We prefer negotiations to a confrontation with the United States."

Greece "clearly favored" the inclusion of Spain and Portugal into the EEC, Papandreu added, while recognizing the problems this would create.

Pope visits world's smallest state

SAN MARINO, Aug. 29 (R) — The heads of two of the world's smallest states met Sunday when Pope John Paul who flew to this mountaintop republic and was welcomed by its two captains regent.

Making his 15th and shortest journey from Italy, the Pope landed by helicopter at the foot of the "Mount of Titans" on which San Marino, the world's oldest and smallest republic, has functioned for 1,681 years.

Surrounded entirely by Italy, San Marino is chiefly known to the outside world for its postage stamps and minted a special issue Sunday to commemorate its first papal visit. The pope, sovereign ruler in his own Vatican

city, which only began life in 1929, went to the governing palace with the two captains regent, a Communist and a Socialist who jointly head the "grand and general council of the most serene republic."

"The history of this ancient and singular community...gives a faithful reflection of a fundamental value, that of liberty," the pope told them.

For once, the screen of Italian police that normally shields the pope was slightly relaxed as he walked through San Marino's winding streets flanked by its sword-bearing militia in medieval costume.

Eggs hurled at Schmidt

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Aug. 29 (R) — Protesters hurled eggs at West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and his guests at a political rally Saturday and hit Greek Culture Minister Meuna Merkouri on the head.

The demonstration broke out at a seven-hour rally attended by some 50,000 persons and intended to drum up support for the chancellor's Social Democratic Party in next month's Hesse state elections.

Aides tried to shield Schmidt and his guests from the bombardment. But demonstrators also scored hits on a central government minister and one from the state government. They shouted opposition to the building of a new runway at Frankfurt near here.

Peking renews protest on books

PEKING, Aug. 29 (AP) — Communist China renewed its protest to Japan over newly revised Japanese textbooks where the intervention of the imperial army on its territory during and before World War II is described as a mere "advance."

In reaction to angry protests by China and other Asian countries, notably South Korea, once occupied by Japan against its toned-down version of past events — previous textbooks acknowledged "aggression" — Tokyo announced Thursday that the incriminating passages would be corrected, but only in two years' time.

The announcement to that effect was made by the chief Tokyo cabinet secretary and government spokesman, Kiichi Miyazawa. One of China's deputy foreign ministers, Wu Xueqian, told the Japanese ambassador in Peking, that the Japanese government's attitude "falls far short of China's demands."

"The Chinese government cannot accept it," the agency quoted Wu as saying. Wu said that although the Japanese government said it would listen to criticism, it did not propose any satisfying, concrete corrections. Tokyo was then urged by Wu to take "concrete and effective measures and correct as quickly as possible" what needs to be corrected.

In Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Ministry regretted Peking's rejection of its pledge to correct in two years the controversial watering down of Japan's war history.

In a brief statement, the ministry said "it is extremely regrettable that Japan received a negative reply."

The ministry statement said further efforts would be made to gain China's understanding. South Korea has expressed dissatisfaction that Japan would change the textbooks only after two years.

Bignone begins dialogue

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29 (R) — Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone Saturday began regular contacts with the country's political leaders in preparation for the restoration of democracy which he has promised by March 1984.

Last Thursday, President Bignone signed a statute ending a ban imposed on political parties by the military when it took power in a coup six years ago. In a televised speech to the nation, he promised to do all within his power to bring politicians, union leaders and industrialists into government policy making.

In the first round of consultations, he met leaders of the Popular Frontist Force (FUEPO), a pro-government coalition of conservative provincial parties. Informed sources said he would meet leaders of the country's two major movements, the Radical Party and Peronists, in early September.

Saturday's talks followed the resignations last Tuesday of Economy Minister Jose

Maria Dagnino Pastore and Central Bank President Domingo Cavallo after a dispute over economic policy.

Dagnino's successor, Jorge Wehbe, a 62-year-old veteran financial administrator, faces the challenge of reviving the depressed Argentine economy while coping with \$15 billion of service payments due in the second half of this year on the country's \$36.6 billion-external debt.

Wehbe said at a press conference Saturday night that a standby credit from the International Monetary Fund was not out of the question. The credit would not cover the overall debt but only the amount falling due this year, he said.

Argentina has run into difficulties with international bankers because of a continuing freeze in economic relations with Britain following the Falklands (Malvinas) war, denying it access to the London market.

Maneka supporter alleges attack

NEW DELHI, Aug. 29 (AP) — A prominent backer of Maneka Gandhi's new opposition political party claimed Saturday that a mob from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party tried to kill him in an attack at the New Delhi railway station.

Kalpanath Sonkar, 31, a member of parliament, said afterward in a letter to Mrs. Gandhi that he was resigning from her Congress Party and joining the opposition movement of her daughter-in-law.

Sonkar wrote in the letter that when he arrived in the capital Saturday by train from Lucknow, he was attacked by 150 to 200 men from the youth wing of the Congress Party who tore his clothes.

One of his two bodyguards fired into the air

and "had he not done so, I would have lost my life," Sonkar said in the letter.

Railway police said four persons were injured in a fracas that broke out at the station. Complaints and counter complaints of rioting were filed by both sides and a pistol and ammunition were seized from Sonkar's bodyguard, they said.

In the first comment from the Congress Party camp, Delhi state Youth Congress President Jagdish Tytler said the allegation was a "totally false, malicious" publicity stunt of Maneka Gandhi's movement. Tytler said in a statement that the Congress Party "condemns violence in any form" and "categorically denied" the involvement of its workers in the railway station incident.

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The Indian government Saturday announced the appointment of Pyare Lal Santoshi as ambassador to Jordan, and Shanti Sarag Bhatnagar as ambassador to Nicaragua. Santoshi, minister in the Indian Embassy in Cairo, Egypt was expected to take up his new assignment shortly.


SAN SALVADOR (AP) — Leftist guerrillas using dynamite charges crippled a key railway bridge 62 miles northeast of here, military spokesmen announced Saturday. Leftist dynamite charges have destroyed some 48 bridges in the past 19 months of El Salvador's civil war, according to unofficial estimates. Sabotage of transportation and electric power facilities is a frequent tactic of guerrillas fighting to topple El Salvador's government.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Svetlana Savitskaya, second Soviet space woman, and cosmonaut Leonid Popov and Alexander Serebrov are in "satisfactory" health at Baikonur base, Kazakhstan, after returning to earth Friday from a nine-day space mission to the Soviet sky "train," Moscow radio reported. The

three were having medical tests, the radio said, and were preparing a report on the experiments conducted during their mission.

PEKING (R) — Two women committed suicide recently in the northeastern Chinese city of Shenyang after their husbands tormented them for giving birth to baby girls. The China Youth News reported Sunday. The newspaper said such incidents were on the increase in Shenyang, and the local women's federation was aware of 20 cases this year compared with hardly any in the first half of 1981. Pressure on couples who want a son has become more intense in recent years as the government implements a policy of only one child per family to curb China's one billion population.

NEW DELHI (R) — At least 35 persons have been killed and thousands have fled their homes as the result of floods sweeping parts of India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh, Indian news agencies reported Sunday. The United News of India (UNI) said the floods along the Ganges River, swollen by heavy monsoon rains, had created chaos in 23 of the state's 54 districts.



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Renewed Sikh agitation feared in Punjab

By Dilip Ganguly

NEW DELHI —

The arrest of over 300 turbaned Sikhs in Punjab Friday may spark off a fresh round of street demonstrations and bloody clashes by the militant Sikhs demanding more autonomy for their strategic state in the north, political analysts said here Saturday. Indian police, backed by paramilitary forces, swooped on the agitation leader late Friday and took into custody 305 people. Indian newspapers reported.

Though the government spokesman in the state capital, Chandigarh, put the arrest figure at 305, a Sikh leader told newsmen that over 1,000 people, including many middle-ranking leaders had been arrested. The arrests were in addition to the 4,455 people detained so far in the state, which is ruled by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party, since agitation by the Sikh political party — Akali Dal — was renewed on Aug. 4.

The militant Sikhs have been demanding secession from the Indian union, pleading they were being exploited by Indians and their rich state was being drained of its raw materials. The agitation, which involved violence between the police and demonstrators, is now showing signs of gaining popular support, the analysts said.

Earlier many of the Sikhs were not much interested in the agitation, but two recent hijackings of Indian Airlines planes by the Sikh militants and the retaliatory actions by Mrs. Gandhi have led them to believe they are important, the analysts said.

Friday's arrests included two Sikh journalists working for the party papers. Indian news agencies said. Local journalists reached from here by telephone said the administration had asked the paramilitary forces to stand by in the event of a popular protest against the government's swoop.

A journalist who asked not to be identified said the Sikh leaders had put up loudspeakers on the top of "gurudwaras" (Sikh holy places) calling upon the people to fight back against the police. "The atmosphere here is very tense, but the government seems well prepared for retaliation," he said.

Federal intelligence reports earlier this month had warned Mrs. Gandhi of a serious situation in Punjab, a highly placed official source said. The report, according to the source, had spoken of armed preparations by the Sikhs inside the Sikh temples where entry by the police is traditionally barred.

There have been some cases of violent explosions inside the temples when explosives stocked there got ignited, the report said.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gandhi's representative in the state, Darbara Singh, told newsmen that his administration would counter any violent act with firmness. "We cannot just allow things to go out of hand. We will tackle it firmly, but my government is ready to solve the dispute through talks," he said. Talks held between the Sikh leaders and Mrs. Gandhi to solve the issue have so far proved futile.

With the highest per capita income in the country and the reputation of being the traditional granary of India, Punjab is very important for Mrs. Gandhi, an analyst said. The state enjoys a literacy rate of 40.74 percent against the national average of 36.17 percent. The 12 million Sikhs also enjoy the highest representation in the Indian Army and account for a large portion in the country's paramilitary forces. (AFP)

Soviets face mounting Afghan resistance

By George Rankin

The Soviets will not leave Afghanistan of their own free will, but they will face increasing resistance from the Afghan people, according to Abdul Rahman Pazhwak, one of Afghanistan's most experienced diplomats.

Pazhwak, aged 65, who was interviewed recently in London where he was Afghan ambassador until 1978, made a dramatic defection to New Delhi in March this year, where he publicly announced his aim of exploring all avenues to bring about a negotiated settlement of the crisis, leading to a withdrawal of Soviet forces.

He believes the West has a vital role to play, and has undertaken a private mission to West Germany, Britain and the United States to find out how seriously the West is committed to helping the Afghans get back their independence.

Pazhwak said there were two separate fields in which Western efforts should be concentrated — diplomatic and military. Only a combination of diplomatic initiatives from the West and continuing guerrilla offensives by the Afghan resistance would force the Soviets to change their policy. The Western states alone had the standing to back up guarantees of genuine nonalignment of any future national government of Afghanistan, and they should increase military pressure on the Soviets through much more generous backing for the Afghan resistance.

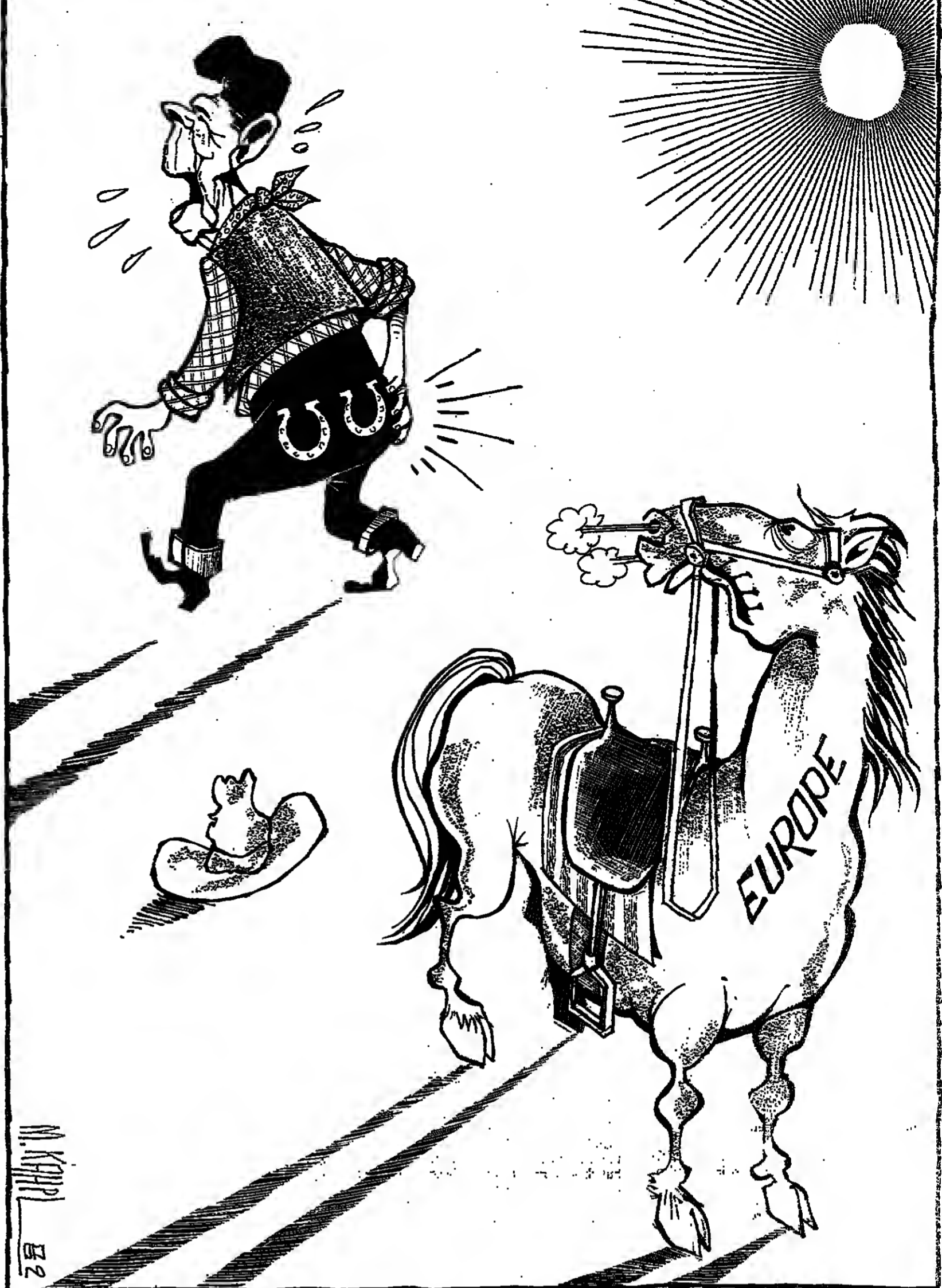
All of the main Afghan party leaders in Pakistan had different political views, but agreed on the essential aim of freeing Afghanistan. They were cooperating on a loose basis inside Afghanistan, and a coalition was quite feasible.

Pazhwak is trying now to gather together Afghans with political experience who are living in exile to form the basis for a national government "of all the talents" to eventually replace the puppet regime of Babrak Karmal.

"The whole city of Kabul is a prison under the Soviets. There is no independent Afghan government in existence, as all power is in Russian hands." When appointed official adviser to the Afghan Foreign Ministry, immediately after the Soviet intervention in January 1980, he quickly realized it was a purely formal appointment, intended to show that the puppet regime was a broad, "national" government.

The failure of the Karmal government to win international recognition outside the narrow circle of Comcon and Soviet-dominated states — in spite of massive Soviet pressure on Third World states — was a big asset.

The United Nations should be the venue for a special conference on Afghanistan, and Afghan delegates should be present. The aim should be to look ahead to rebuilding Afghan-Soviet relations on a basis of mutual respect and nonalignment. The Soviets would be gravely embarrassed by such proposals, if firmly backed by a large majority of U.N. states and guaranteed by the Western states. (ONS)



Netherlands strives to ban Hitler's book

By Abner Katzman

THE HAGUE, Netherlands —

Thirty-seven years after Nazi occupation forces were defeated, the Dutch government is still battling to keep Adolf Hitler's autobiography and political testament, *Mein Kampf*, out of Netherlands bookshops.

For the third time since the liberation of the Netherlands in May 1945, the Dutch government is preparing legal action to ban sales of the book, this time a Dutch-language version published in Belgium.

In the wake of several recent anti-Semitic incidents, Dutch Premier Andries van Agt, who also holds the portfolio of foreign minister, recently asked the Dutch ambassador in Brussels to see what steps the Belgian government takes to halt the 850-page book's publication. And justice ministry spokesman Willem van Leeuwen said this week that if the book appears on Dutch bookshelves, the government will seek a court ban against it on the basis of the Netherlands anti-discrimination law.

The West German state of Bavaria — where Hitler wrote the book during a stretch in prison in the 1920s — moved Friday to stop sales of the book in Belgium, claiming copyright infringement. The Bavarian Finance Ministry claims to own all rights in the book through its assumption of the copyright from a Munich publishing house.

The Dutch-language edition of the book has not been legally available for purchase in the Netherlands since 1945, although copies are available in libraries. The Amsterdam Public Library says it has one pre-war copy, which it does not lend out, in accordance with regulations governing rare pre-war

books. However, the book is available to library patrons for in-house reading.

About 5,500 Dutch-language copies have been printed in recent months, carrying the name of the now-bankrupt Dutch publishing firm Ridderhof-Ridderkerk.

The Belgian publisher, A. Jonckx, told the Amsterdam daily newspaper *De Volkskrant* that in less than two weeks, it had sold half of them to two Dutchmen. One of them, identified as A. Veerkamp, told the Amsterdam daily that the printing plates were sold by unnamed Dutch owners to Jonckx.

A Belgian Justice Ministry official said no action had been taken to halt publication of the Dutch version. Belgium also has an anti-discrimination law that prohibits racial slurs in speech or writing. Belgian officials are trying to determine whether *Mein Kampf* should be allowed under the law.

The Ridderhof version first surfaced in 1974 in the Netherlands. Van Agt, then justice minister, went to court to have the book banned after an uproar in the parliament of that nation where bitter anti-German feeling persists to this day.

The tool Van Agt used was the Dutch Copyright Law, with the state prosecutor claiming successfully in court that the Ridderhof version infringed on the Dutch language copyright, which is held by the state. Further publication was banned. Those books already published were impounded, and two Ridderhof directors were ordered to pay thousand-dollar (\$400) fines for copyright infringement.

After World War II, the Dutch state seized the *Mein Kampf* copyright from the Reich Nazi Party and confiscated the Dutch-language copies already pub-

lished. Although the copyright law strategy was successful eight years ago in banning the books, "the more principled point is whether it incites to race discrimination or not, and that wasn't put to the test," said Van Leeuwen of the Dutch Justice Ministry.

The Dutch Criminal Code prohibits distribution of objects inciting racial or religious hatred or discrimination and levies a jail term of up to six months on conviction. However, Van Leeuwen anticipated some opposition by free speech advocates to new government attempts to ban the book. One of those opponents is the Royal Dutch Publishers Association, whose spokesman, Chris In 't Velt, said, "We think that to forbid such a book is against the freedom of the press. We don't think publishing this book would be dangerous." (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Aug. 30th, the 242nd day of 1982. There are 123 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1526 — Suleiman I, sultan of Turkey, defeats Hungarian Army at battle of Mohacs, at which Hungary's Louis II is killed.

1528 — French Army capitulates at Aversa and subsequently is expelled from Naples and Genoa in Italy.

1898 — Anglo-German secret agreement on future of African territories of Portugal, whereby Britain is to obtain lease of Delagoa Bay and Germany is to receive parts of Mozambique and Angola.

1944 — Soviet forces enter Bucharest, Romania, in World War II.

1945 — U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrives in Japan at end of World War II to set up occupation headquarters.

1955 — Foreign ministers of Britain, Greece and Turkey meet in London on Cyprus and Eastern Mediterranean problems.

1957 — All-African Federal Executive Council is formed in Nigeria.

1970 — Tunku Abdul Rahman, leader who built Malaysia out of former British colonies, announces he will retire as prime minister.

1974 — About 150 people are killed in railroad derailment at Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

1980 — Poland's Communist Party approves agreements between government and striking workers in bid to end nation's deepening labor crisis.

1981 — Iran's president and prime minister are killed when bomb explodes in government offices in Tehran.

Thought for today:

The rotten apple spoils his companion — Benjamin Franklin, U.S. statesman (1706-1790).

PRICE OF DISUNITY

Addressing the foreign ministers in Rabat yesterday, Morocco's King Hassan who may also host the proposed summit conference minced no words when he blamed the Arab governments for much of the distress and humiliation that have befallen the Arab world recently. "What has happened to us all, our differences, our humiliation, all our misfortunes, is the price we are paying for being divided. And we all pay it dearly."

No Arab government can be singled out for blame for the disaster and the utter humiliation that has been brought about by the recent, almost unopposed, Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the genocide that followed it. In one way or the other, the majority of Arab governments have to bear the brunt of popular indignation. Most of them have in fact paved the way for what is now commonly called "Arab impotence" and "Arab incapacity" in the face of Israeli attacks by their own actions and inactions.

Several Arab governments have been guilty of engaging in subsidiary wars and conflicts which have pinned down the cream of their armies in mutual confrontations. They have, at the same time, exhausted their financial and military resources not in fighting a common enemy but in fighting each other.

Without going into details, King Hassan has urged the Arabs, and here he means their leaders, "to transcend their selfishness." In this way, many Arab governments will have to explain to the general public why they are more hostile to their Arab neighbors and concentrate their forces along their mutual borders while ignoring the needs and urgencies of national Arab defense against Israel.

The summit, if it is held, will have to be a forum of extreme frankness if anything substantial is to come out of it. Whatever happened to the Arab mutual security and defense agreement? Why was it not revived during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the conflict with Syria? Why did not Arab armies rush to Syria and, with the Syrian army, engage the enemy inside Lebanon and turn the country into a battlefield, do or die? Why were there no contingency plans to anticipate an Israeli invasion of Lebanon and penetration into Beirut despite PLO expectations and warnings of such eventualities?

The proposed meeting of Arab heads of state ought really to be the summit of all summits, otherwise it will be just another rhetorical contest with the whole Arab world going back to square one.

Saudi Arabian press review

Sunday's newspapers urged the Arab foreign ministers to devise measures to face what they called a dangerous phase for the Arab nation and formulate a joint action to confront all challenges.

Okaz said the foreign ministers, currently meeting in Al-Muhammadiyah, Morocco, should be "fully aware of the dangerous stage and the paramount need for Arab solidarity and joint action so as to counter all challenges."

The paper added that the Israeli invasion of Lebanon had proved that the only beneficiary was the "enemy of the nation." It said the attention of millions of Muslims and Arabs is focused on the outcome of the foreign ministers' meeting.

Al-Madinah called on PLO leaders to present before the meeting their ideas for future action and what they expect from the Arabs. The paper expressed hope that the Muhammadiyah meeting

would be the beginning of a new era.

It added that the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East would be the most "practical substitute for the Israeli enemy's peace proposals."

The paper urged the Arab leaders to be "more responsible and approve the Kingdom's peace plan."

Al-Yom hailed the Kingdom's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and its clear stand to "back the Palestinian people in their ordeal without any uproar or press campaigns."

The paper commended King Fahd's royal decrees in which the Saudi monarch had ordered the Palestinian students to be treated on par with their Saudi colleagues and the injured Palestinian fighters to be given medical facilities either in the Kingdom or abroad at Saudi Arabia's expense. (SPA)

Survey of world subways

Britons deserting underground rail

By Michael Hughes

LONDON (R) — London's underground railway system — the world's oldest — has become the world's dearest, and a million people have deserted it for the congested, polluted streets above.

But while Londoners have been deserting the "tube," cities in other parts of the world have been starting or expanding underground systems which are generally heavily subsidized, a survey by Reuter correspondents shows.

The problems of the London underground have generated fierce debate over whether public transport should be subsidized by government to keep fares down and the number of travelers up, or whether it should be run on strict business lines.

The Greater London Council (GLC) has asked Londoners how their subway should be run — as a business or by acknowledging that a hefty subsidy is necessary for an efficient system. The survey showed that most of the world's subterranean railways receive more than the 27 percent subsidy paid for London's underground.

The GLC says its proposed "fares fair" scheme, which would halve prices from their present 40 pence sterling (70 cents) minimum would need government support similar to that of New York or Paris. It says the London underground, which started in 1863 with steam trains, is desperately short of cash and has been in decline for 20 years.

Other cities which have been expanding their subway systems to beat traffic congestion include the Paris metro, often held up as an example of what an underground rail system should be, and the New York subway, often portrayed as a haven for muggers and graffiti artists.

The results of the GLC's public opinion poll will be presented to Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government by the Labor-run council next month.

London's public transport was thrown into confusion by a decision last November by Britain's highest court, five senior judges known as the law lords, which scrapped a GLC cheap fares policy financed by increased local taxes.

The law lords ruled that London transport must be run on business lines and had a legal obligation to break even. But newspaper commentators hit at the ruling, saying a cheap transport system was essential for a capital's health. The law lords' decision resulted in fares doubling last March without any improvement in the service.

A London transport spokesman said the number of people carried on the underground dropped by 18 percent to about five million. When the GLC previously cut fares the number of passengers had increased by 10 percent.

London's legions of commuters have also had to face three days of recent strikes over pay by underground train drivers and increased violence, usually from soccer hooligans traveling on unsavory late-night trains nicknamed "vomit comets" by railway workers.

The leader of the GLC is a young radical, Ken ("Red Ken") Livingstone who personally instituted the "fares fair" policy which he said guaranteed services at a price those dependent on them could afford.

The New York subway covers 366 kms and carries 3.5 million riders daily. The current fare is 75 cents for any ride, which brings in some \$700 million a year, about one-third

below operating costs. The difference is made up by federal, state and city subsidies of \$350 million.

A separate police force for subways and a group of citizens known as guardian angels came into being because of widespread crime on New York underground trains. The first line of the New York subway was built in 1904, but the oldest underground in the United States is in Boston — it opened in 1897.

The world's newest underground system is in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway (MTR) moves more than a million passengers a day between the teeming business, shopping and residential districts of the British colony.

Digging carefully below and between the most expensive land in the world, the builders have tunneled 26 kms of track in difficult conditions, often in sealed tunnels below water.

The colony's government has given \$785 million in the form of equity participation to help pay the costs of the system and has promised \$135 million more. The MTR has made a loss of several hundred million dollars since it opened in 1980 but predicts it will break even around 1983-84.

The Paris metro has a justified reputation as being fast, clean, efficient and relatively cheap. Officials say the key to its success is constant modernization, with new lines being created, stations modified and conditions improved.

Fares are cheap. For the commuter the best deal is a monthly pass costing about \$14 which will take the holder anywhere within the city boundaries and which is also valid for traveling on buses.

The metro is run by an independent public authority which gets a hefty government subsidy. Officials calculate that but for the subsidy tickets would have to cost two-and-a-half times as much to break even.

Security is helped by squads of armed police who move through the train to back plainclothes men whose main targets are thieves and pickpockets. Last year 42 persons killed themselves by jumping in front of metro trains and a further 116 attempted suicide.

Peking's underground is among the safest in the world with only occasional cases of pickpocketing and minor vandalism. The 13-year-old system consists of a double-track line 24 kms long, which links Peking's main railway station with the western suburbs. A loop line is being built.

The underground opened in considerable secrecy in 1969 when it was intended to complement the labyrinth of tunnels under the city designed for use in case of enemy attack.

Until the late 1970s foreigners could only use the subway if they showed identification, but these formalities have been abandoned and officials minimize the subway's military role. The fare is five cents for any distance. An annual pass, \$2 million in 1980, is made up by the central government.

In Moscow the state bears the entire cost of running the underground service and no figures are available for the total annual outlay. The flat fare for any journey is seven cents. The stations are built in extravagant style, with frescoes, mosaics and statues portraying revolutionary scenes and cultural figures. The total length of the system is 192 kms.

At two cents a ride the Mexico City subway system is the world's cheapest. The fare has remained constant since the first line opened in 1969.



MEXICO CITY SUBWAY: A technological success, the Mexican City "metro" system was somewhat a challenge. The subsoil of the high-altitude city presented the double drawback of being full of water and often shaken by earthquakes. Despite the knotty problems the first 40 kilometers were pushed through in exactly 40 months by French experts.

Washington invoking 19th century Cuban patriot

By Marc D. Charney

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — A mural dominates the dining room atop the Hotel Habana Libre — a wall of smiling peasants and laborers led by three giant figures brandishing red flags and a book.

This book is not labeled "Marx," it is labeled "Marti." Jose Marti was a 19th-century Cuban patriot who died fighting for independence from Spain in 1895. For more than 20 years, the Communist government of Fidel Castro has presented Marti as a forerunner of its own anti-Yankee ideology.

But now his name has been adopted by the United States as well, and the administration of President Ronald Reagan intends to give it to a U.S. government radio station that would beam news and entertainment into Cuba from the United States.

President Castro warned recently that if the plans proceed, Cuba would set up its own radio station to broadcast to the United States — perhaps naming it after Abraham Lincoln.

Castro's brother, Raul, has called it an "infamy" to name the proposed station Radio Marti, President Reagan, when he

introduced his Caribbean basin initiative, and aid plan for the region, quoted Marti as warning "that mankind is composed of two sorts of men: those who love and create, and those who hate and destroy."

The Cubans are more apt to quote another Marti epigram, written about his years in the United States: "I lived in the monster and I know its entrails." It often happens in Latin America that disparate, highly polarized groups each claim to be true heirs to a national hero's legacy.

In this case, the Castro government has invested heavily in the name of this mustachioed Cuban patriot with the prominent brow and intense eyes. Signs on Havana streets extol Marti as the "intellectual author" of Castro's own revolution. Little Marti statues sit in villages in the Cuban countryside. In the bookstores, Marti's works sit alongside Marx and Lenin. Castro is said to have read Marti avidly as a youth.

A government institute studies Marti's works, uncovers lost items, publishes each year a book of commentaries — and presides over the official interpretation of his works. Marti was a poet, journalist and passionate essayist. His name is revered not only by

Cuba's Communists but by reformers throughout Latin America.

In a 1961 essay, Puerto Rican intellectual Jorge Manach wrote that Marti represented a watershed in Latin thinking — a link of politics and morality, a compromise between utopianism and real politics. Historian Hugh Thomas has written Marti "would doubtless have fallen foul" of Castro's regime.

There is wide agreement that Marti was an egalitarian, a revolutionary and a democrat. He wanted to see the Antilles and Latin America work together to defend their own interests against both the United States and Europe. He called Latin America "Our America," distinguishing it from the north.

He spent most of his life fighting to end Spanish colonial rule. Toward the end, his writings also reflect fear that the United States' growing power was tempting it to replace Spain as the imperial presence in the Americas.

His criticisms of the United States of his day make him especially dear to the Castro regime. He lived 15 years in the United States. Like his contemporaries, the U.S. "muckrakers," he found much to criticize — growing power among the rich, misery among

the urban poor, graft among politicians.

But in his program for the Cuban Revolutionary Party, there is no precise formula for a social or political system. He outlines as goals the independence of Cuba and Puerto Rico — then also under Spain — to be achieved through a short and merciful war fought with "republican spirit and methods."

Cuba should avoid "the authoritarian and bureaucratic spirit of the colony," the principles say. It should develop "a new people who are sincerely democratic ... a country united, cordial and wise" that would "substitute for economic disorder ... a public financial system that would open the country immediately to the diverse activities of its inhabitants."

Today, Marti's official Cuban interpreters claim that if he were alive, Marti would not be Social Democrat. "He would be a very advanced revolutionary democrat ... already opposed to bourgeois democracy, already opposed to the rule of capital, already opposed to capitalism," says Luis Toledo Sandre, deputy director of the Marti Studies Center.

Waterway could unite East, West

By Thomas Land

LONDON (LOS) — A vast new European waterway linking Baltic and North Sea ports with the Black Sea may help to thaw relations between East and West.

The waterway, connecting the Danube, Oder and Elbe rivers, would cost \$4,500 million and take 25 years to build. According to a U.N. study, the project is technically feasible and would strengthen political as well as economic links between Communist and non-Communist Europe.

The study was sponsored by the Geneva-based U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (which covers Eastern and Western Europe as well as North America) with the aim of unifying two existing European inland waterway networks — the Central and West European system formed by the linking of the Seine, Scheldt, Rhine, Elbe, Oder and Visula river basins, and the East European system comprising the Danube and its tributaries.

The new connections would create a navigable trunk waterway serving all the countries — some landlocked — along the three rivers, with a total length of about 1,800 miles between Ismail on the Black Sea and Szczecin on the Baltic or 1,900 miles between Ismail and Hamburg.

It would also create water resources in arid areas, and would encourage economic development along its route.

Although the project could be completed in 10 to 15 years, the study recommends a two-stage approach to take up to a quarter century. The first stage would be limited to the construction of a canal with a single set of locks between the Danube and the Oder.

Europe's waterways are underused, although road and railway services are under strain.

Quoting the final act of the Helsinki agreement on security and co-operation in Europe, the U.N. study urges the three key riparian states to prepare initial accords for the scheme.

The three are neutral Austria as well as Communist Czechoslovakia and Poland, which are anxious to strengthen their ties with Western Europe. They would have everything to gain from the project.

Bikes back at London's Earls Court

LONDON — "Bike," the highly successful motorbike show held at Earls Court last year, is being repeated this week. "Bike" was created to meet the need for a major show in southeast England at which people could purchase bikes and accessories.

There are some 1.65 million two-wheeled vehicles on the road, which are ridden by young people and enthusiasts, but, increasingly, by busy people who need an efficient means of transport within congested towns, and people of all ages who need economical private transport.

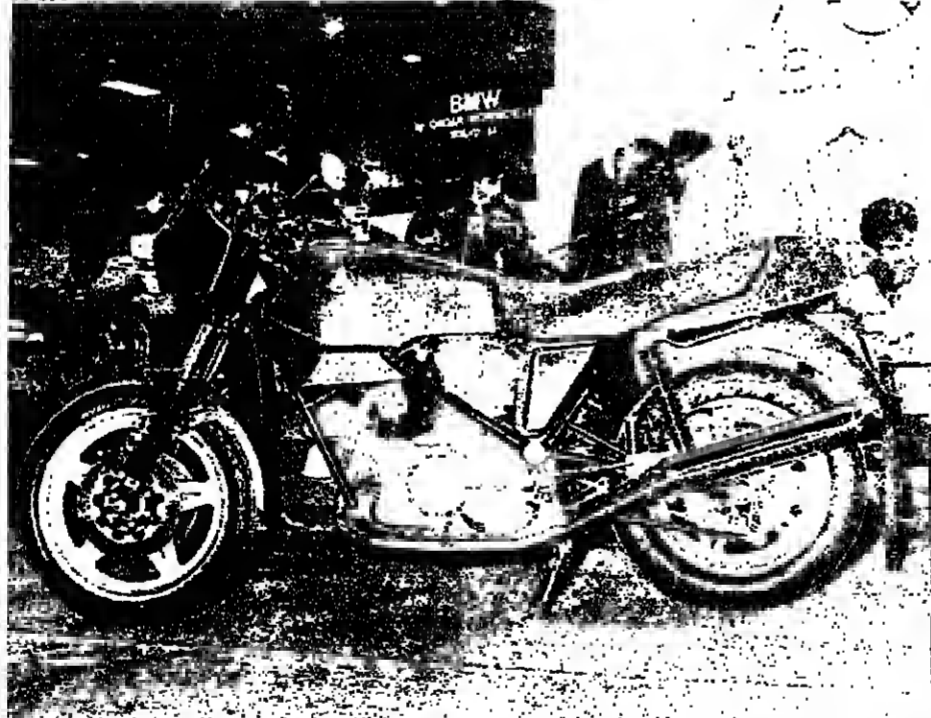
This is therefore a noticeable and important minority on the road, including those who enjoy the thrill of motorcycling, those starting to learn and those who see it purely as a way of getting about.

Newcomers to motorcycling and experienced riders can pick up some useful tips from the experts. The Metropolitan Police are giving free advice on four key aspects of modern motorcycling, and all visitors to their stand can test the speed of their reactions on a civilian Triumph.

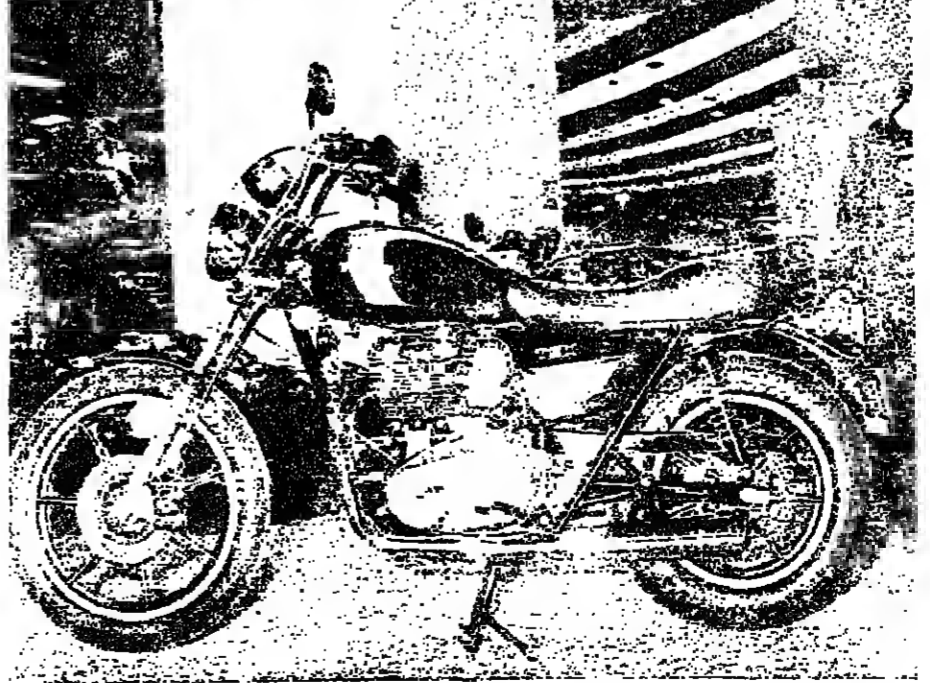
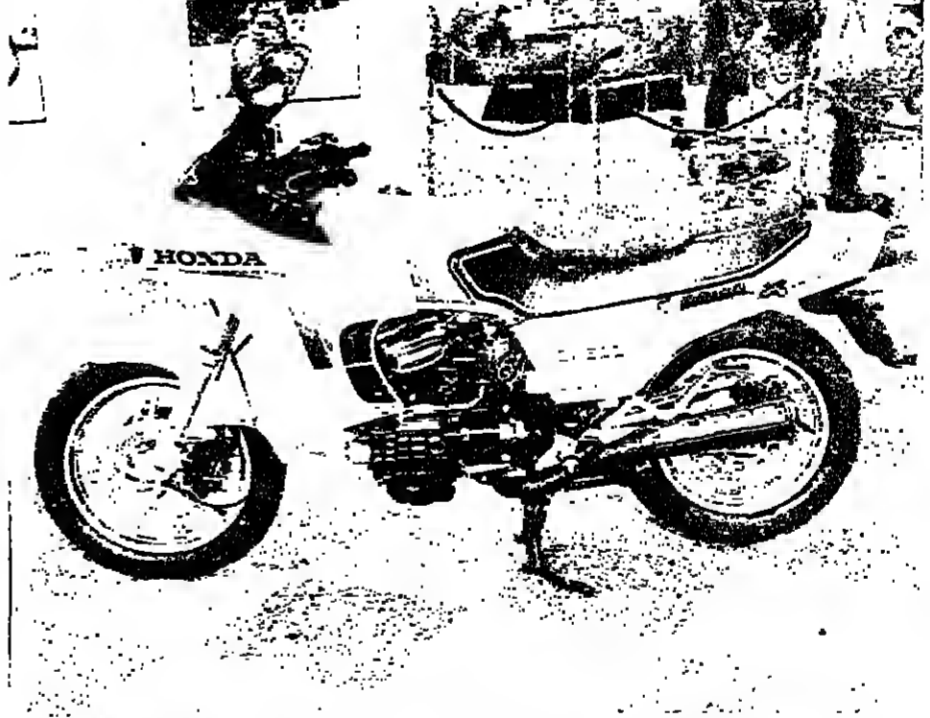
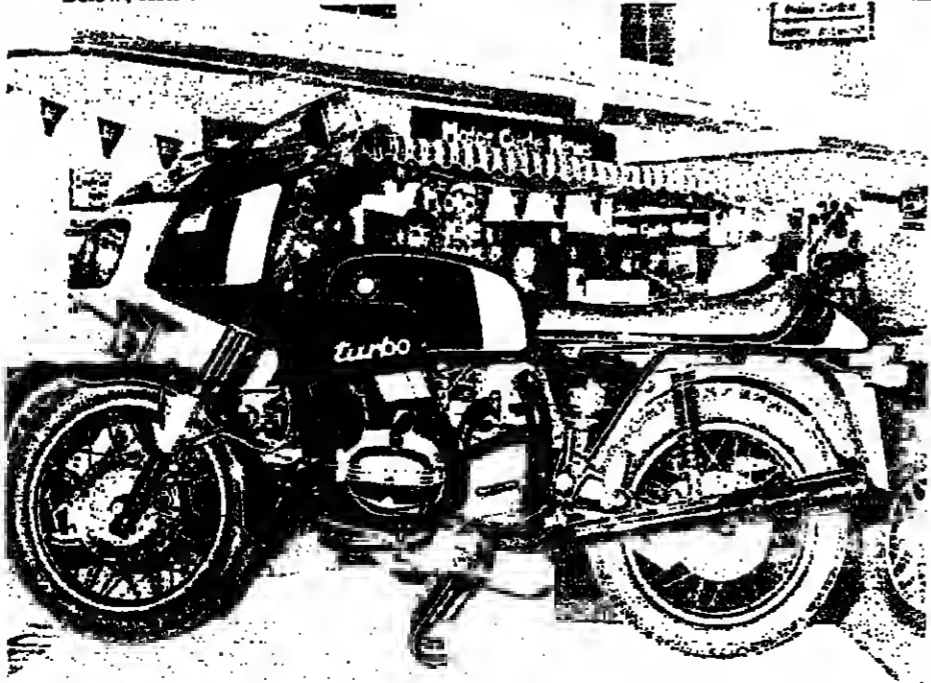
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Exhibits include a fully equipped police BMW motorcycle as ridden by the crack special escort group; a film on their work; a bike displaying all the common dangers of poor maintenance; and a bike displaying all the latest theft prevention equipment.



BIKES ON SHOW: Motorcycle enthusiasts have an opportunity — perhaps for the last time — to see Hesketh V1000 motorcycle at the exhibition currently being held at London's Earls Court. Production has ceased at the Coventry factory and the company's assets, including 30 bikes, are to be auctioned on Sept. 4. Above, right: Honda's VT250F. Below, left: The incredible black BMW Turbo. Below, right: Triumph TSX, the only British bike at the exhibition.



Herbal remedies

Modern role for ancient medicines

TAIPEI — While Western medicine has generally eclipsed traditional Chinese medicine in Taiwan today, there are still many people who turn to the ancient herbal remedies.

The use of these herbs dates back to times when man was still experimenting with his foods, and discovered that certain things he selected alleviated the symptoms of disease. This was undoubtedly the beginning of Chinese herbal medicine.

Lack of communications in those early days meant that certain regions became known for their own particular cures. About 5,000 years ago, Shen Nung brought about a more uniform system by organizing all the grasses, plants and extracts of the period into a compendium which has since become a classic. Today, experts believe that Shen Nung is in fact a composite of people rather than just one author.

This initial work was expanded and updated in many subsequent volumes. Herbs were given standard names to end the confusion caused by different regional names, classified according to type and then described in detail. These herbs have now become known as Chinese medicines.

There exist, however, a host of folk medicines which are still referred to by their regional names, and since they have not been classified, dosage and usage have been



HERBS: When drunk with honey, the plant on the left is said to soothe a sore throat. Center: Juice from this cactus mixed with honey is used on fever patients. Right: Sea hibiscus is used to ease the effects of rheumatism.

handed down by word of mouth over the generations.

These medicines are gathered by people with no training in botany. Explained Chen Mu-huo, who has been gathering herbs for more than 20 years: "It's all a matter of experience. Since some plants look alike and in other cases only the underground part is used, mistakes can easily be made. Although today, some herbs are cultivated, most have

to be found in the wild. Searching for them is not only enjoyable, but good exercise as well."

Price varies, often according to the accessibility or otherwise of the place where the herbs grow. Some plants from remote mountain areas can cost as much as \$100 a kilo, while those gathered from riverbanks and agricultural land cost as little as \$30. Most herbs from distant areas are dried, while

those grown locally are sold fresh and must be consumed within three or four days.

Medicine shops do their best business in the summer, when customers pass by to acquire the herbs needed to make heat-beating teas. Many herbs, such as peppermint, can be added according to the user's preference, but in some cases, quantities are prescribed by the dealer. Since most dosages are passed on orally, perhaps even incorporating a few suggestions from customers, knowledge of them may die out if the next generation shows no interest.

Most customers at Chinese medicine shops are old people who have been using the herbs since they were children and find it hard to give them up. These people still cling to the old beliefs despite the advent of modern medicine. Because the old treatments are not defined by any precise system, they are considered backward. But some habitual users believe this attitude may change. "Since folk medicines undoubtedly can cure and alleviate illnesses, they must have a scientific basis.

Once this basis can be established, then younger people will become interested in them," said one devotee of 70 years standing.

In some cases, this scientific basis has already been discovered. For instance, it has been known for some time that a certain kind of peppermint can alleviate headaches and dizziness. Chemical analysis shows that this is due to the fact that it contains menthol, known to be effective in stimulating nerve centers and clearing the head.

In recent years, the government has been allocating grants to conduct research into traditional medicines especially for serious chronic diseases. It is considered that in view of the failure of Western medicine to find cures for cancer, high blood pressure and certain types of anemia, the answer may lie in the rich storehouse of traditional Chinese medicine and medical lore.

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P

ANTACIDS CAN BE HARMFUL



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My husband, who is 68, used to have a stomach that could chew nails. But lately, he has been complaining of indigestion. No pain, but just uncomfortable distress like heartburn. Mostly after eating. What he does is pop handfuls of antacids to keep comfortable. He refuses to see our doctor. Can't so many antacids be harmful? — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: At your husband's age, indigestion or heartburn are symptoms that may not even be due to stomach disorder. Sometimes, they are the first indication that heart circulation is slowly failing. The temporary relief by antacids offers only a false sense of security. Result? Putting off the true diagnosis gives heart disease a great start. But, there is another reason why your husband shouldn't use antacids indiscriminately. All antacids contain at least one of the following ingredients: sodium bicarbonate, calcium carbonate, aluminum salts, magnesium salts. Remember that sodium bicarb overload is the danger for patients on low-salt diets. Result: increase in blood pressure and in congestive heart failure. The calcium in calcium carbonate may produce hypercalcemia — also constipation. Aluminum containing antacids may also cause constipation. But, this may be lessened by giving aluminum hydroxide with magnesium hydroxide. However, too much magnesium may cause diarrhea. Liquid antacids are usually more effective. Remember to shake well. If tablets are preferred, chew well and follow with a full glass of water. Here's another adverse effect of antacids: decreased absorption of other drugs such as iron, tetracyclines, cimetidine (Tagamet), digoxin.

What I have been saying, Mrs. M., is that an occasional antacid is

okay for distress. But, not the "handfuls" your husband has been taking. I hope he reads today's column and agrees it's time for a checkup.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Isn't there any effective treatment at all for herpes? Do doctors just stand there with arms folded, offering us sufferers no relief? — Mrs. A.

Dear Mrs. A.: We're not surrendering. We're trying. For example, The Food and Drug Administration has approved a drug called Acyclovir as an antiviral drug. It's also available as an ointment — other forms of therapy are being developed. Although not a cure, this drug is helpful in managing initial herpes genitalis. It helps to decrease pain and heal the sores. Treatment should be started as soon as possible. One suggestion is that the ointment should be applied so that the sores are completely covered every three hours, six times a day, for seven days. Why not discuss this with your doctor?

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Is it really true that there's less heart disease now than 20 years ago? — Mr. J.

Dear Mr. J.: There's been a decrease in cardiovascular mortality since the mid 1960's. Especially, there's been a sharp decline in coronary heart disease. Why? Good reasons are diet, anti-smoking, treatment of hypertension, and increased physical activity. According to James A. Schenberger, M.D., chairman of department of preventive medicine of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's of Chicago, there's been a 3 percent annual reduction in coronary deaths and 5 percent reduction in stroke deaths.

(Tomorrow: Overcoming insomnia)



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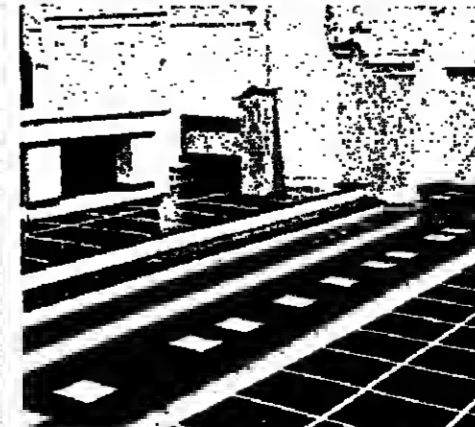
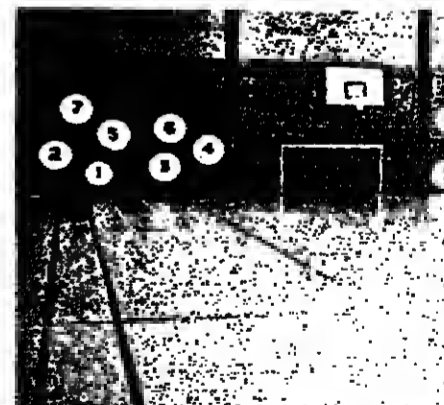
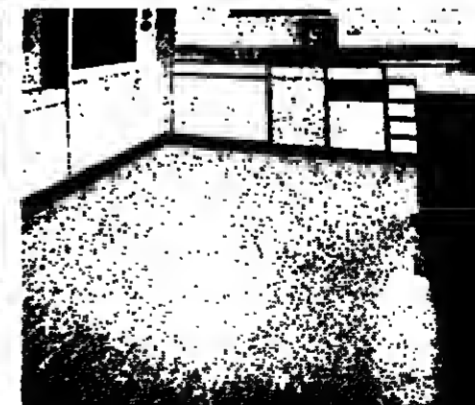
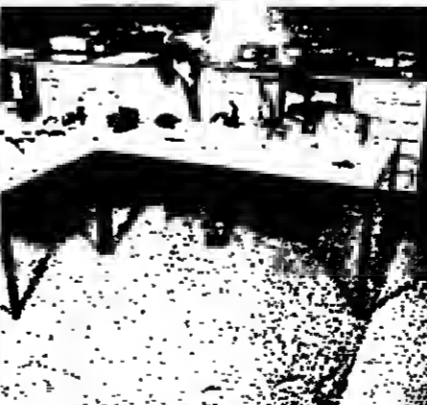
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Man the most dangerous predator

Saving the marine turtles from extinction

MEXICO CITY—About 230 million years ago, reptiles dominated the earth's land, sea and air. Marine turtles, the most inoffensive of reptiles—and unfortunately for the conservation of the species, the tastiest and most commercially exploitable—developed in late Cretaceous times, a mere 70 million years ago.

Yet today, marine turtles face extinction, with man their most dangerous predator. The turtle, a defenseless animal, is easily caught with a line, trapped in a net or captured on a nesting beach. Its resistant skin is a popular material for making bags, wallets, belts and other items. The shell is used for jewelry, combs and decorative, carved objects. Turtle steaks are a gourmet's delight and turtle fins are considered delicacies in Asian cuisines. Turtle oils are in great demand as ingredients in costly cosmetics.

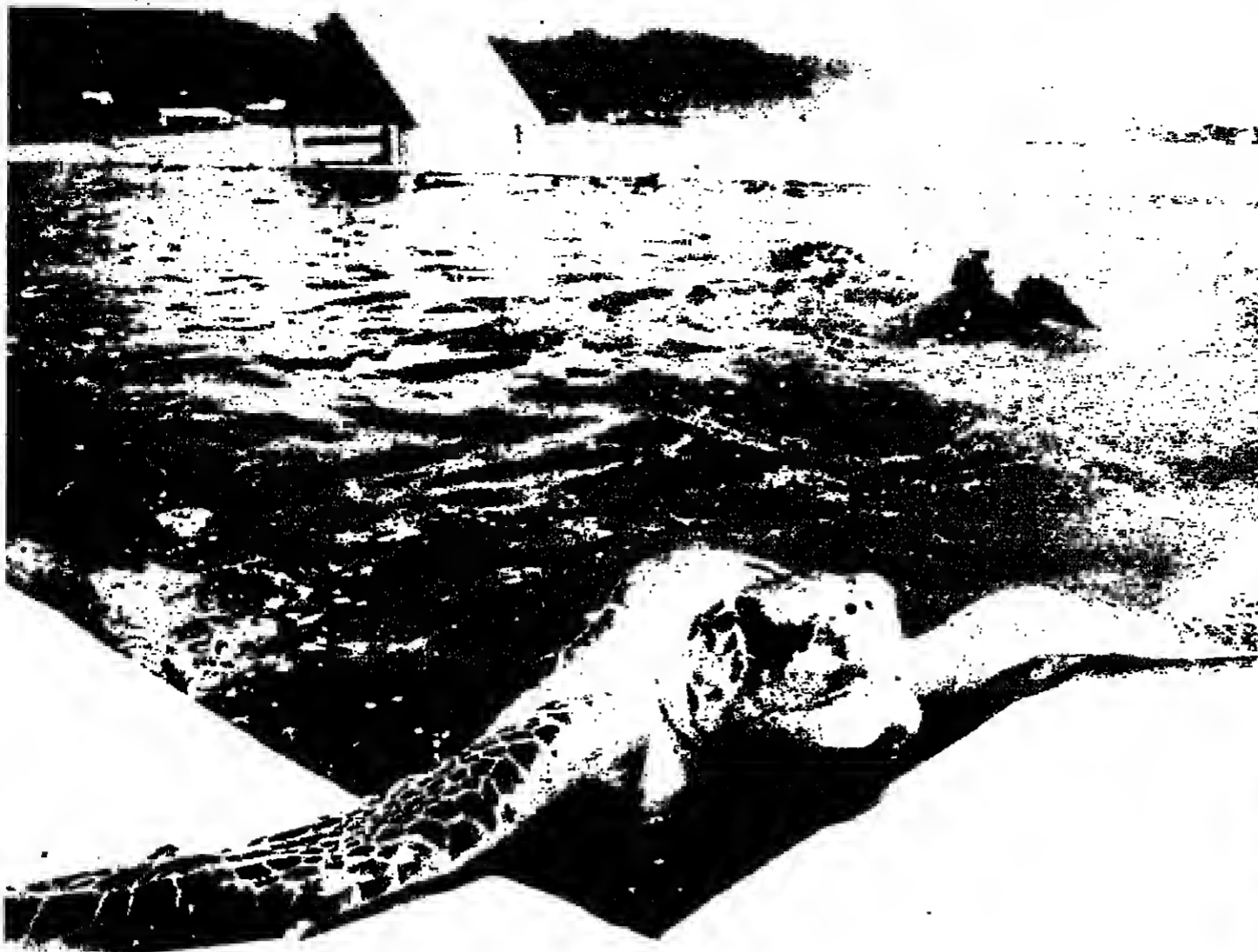
The depletion of the adult turtle population is, moreover, paralleled by large-scale consumption of turtle eggs, erroneously thought to be aphrodisiacs.

Aroused by the turtles' plight, conservationists the world over are appealing for measures to halt their destruction. Mexico, whose Pacific, Gulf and Caribbean coasts are nesting grounds for six of the seven marine turtle species, is no exception. In fact, says Rene Marquez Millan, head of the Marine Turtle Research and Conservation Program at the Fisheries Ministry, Mexico was "one of the first countries to become aware of the problem and of the need to solve it. Our program was set up in 1967."

Since then, conservation efforts have gained momentum. Legal measures restrict indiscriminate fishing for marine turtles. At research centers, scientists study the turtles' migratory, nesting and feeding habits to provide information on turtle populations, habitat destruction and breeding methods. The media broadcast the turtles' plight, increasing public awareness and concern. And a wide range of conservation measures are in effect under government and, to a lesser extent, private auspices.

One such program is being carried out at Playon de Mismaloya, Jalisco, on the Pacific Coast. This is one of Mexico's four principal nesting areas for the olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) and a secondary nesting place for the green sea turtle (*Chelonia agassizii*). Up until 20 years ago, many thousands of turtles lumbered onto the beach in a given *arribazon*, the term used to describe their arrival en masse within a two to three day period to lay eggs. Now their total number over the June to November nesting months has shrunk to about 10,000.

The ones that do arrive are being protected. The staff of the local Fisheries Ministry station, led by a biologist and aided by a navy contingent, patrol nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the June to December season.



Whereas in Jalisco the turtle populations have been seriously depleted, down the coast at La Escobilla, Oaxaca, olive ridleys still arrive in impressive numbers, though not in groups of 100,000 as in the past.

In August 1981, within a two to three day period, 50,000 turtles found nesting spots, and in September this figure reached 74,000. To count the turtles, project members first mark off 10 by 10 meter squares at 100 meter intervals, then count the turtles in each square.

At La Escobilla, armed patrols continuously protect the turtles and their eggs on the 7.5-kilometer beach. Last year, a group of concerned citizens decided to help out. A conservationist group, called *Paran* (stop) sent volunteers to keep vigil over the turtles and their nests until the eggs hatched.

plentiful food supplies play a determining role. Perhaps a biological clock indicates when it is time to stop feeding and return to the nesting place. This hypothesis would seem confirmed by the fact that in captivity turtles stop feeding at the same time as they would in their natural habitat. Yet another theory proposes that turtles have a specific chemical substance which reacts to changes in the earth's magnetic field.

Studies are also being carried out on changes in the turtles' habitats. The ecological balance is so tenuous, and so few turtles reach maturity under optimum natural conditions, that any change is likely to provoke a dangerous negative tilt. Eggs laid on oil-impregnated beaches will never produce live turtles. Industrial and resort development projects invade their traditional nesting grounds. If the turtles' memory so faithfully records their natal beach, and it is taken over or destroyed, where then are they to go?

Since indiscriminate fishing has been and continues to be a major cause of the turtles' decrease, severe fishing restrictions have been imposed. Based on available information on turtle populations, the Fisheries Ministry grants fishing cooperatives in each state a franchise limiting the number of turtles they are allowed to catch in the non-nesting season. All turtle fishing is forbidden during the nesting months, and a year-round fishing ban on the Kemp's ridley, the hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and the leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) is being enforced.

The Fisheries Ministry has proposed setting up reserves at principal nesting sites, forbidding all commercial and industrial activity. To date only Playa de Rancho Nuevo, home of the Kemp's ridley, has been declared a natural reserve.

It is difficult to enforce these measures since it is virtually impossible to patrol Mexico's 10,000 kilometers of coastline. There will always be clandestine buyers on shore and at sea who will offer more than the official price set by Mexican Fishery Products, the government distribution agency. On shrimp boats and trawlers, fishermen are not likely to toss back to sea a turtle hopelessly caught in a net. Foreign flag vessels are not overly concerned with saving the turtle as long as they fill their holds with commercially valuable products. And the Mexican people will continue to regard the beaches as their reserves, not the turtles'.

But progress is being made. Even 15 years ago, it was not unusual to find turtle shells piled on the beach near coastal villages, nor to see female turtles slashed open with their eggs removed and left to die upside down in the sun. Awareness of the turtles' diminishing numbers and of their high market value have reduced these wasteful and cruel practices.

At four Pacific Coast industrial plants, Mexican Fishery Products, a public sector corporation, processes turtle catches purchased from the cooperatives. Nothing is discarded, from the valuable skin to the blood and remnants which are dried and ground for fertilizer and flour.

"Fishermen know that we won't buy turtles of the three endangered species," states a spokesman for Mexican Fishery Products' Industrial Plants department. "But there are still commercially exploitable species that we must use to the fullest. It's our obligation to make protein-rich turtle meat available to low-income groups at a price they can afford and under the most hygienic conditions. On the other side of the ledger, we try to get the highest market price for the desirable skins, shells and oils."

The agency cooperates fully with the conservation programs and the Fisheries Ministry suggested guidelines. "We don't sell a single turtle egg, but have our own incubation projects instead," the spokesman stressed.

At each plant, a biologist extracts eggs from the captured females, and places them in polyurethane containers between layers of sand. In 1980, 2.7 million eggs yielded 700,000 live turtles. The low percentage of live births may be due to the fact that in the captured animals all eggs may not be fertile or mature. Temperatures within the containers may be too high, possibly causing a lower birth rate as well as a higher incidence of male turtles. Different incubation methods are

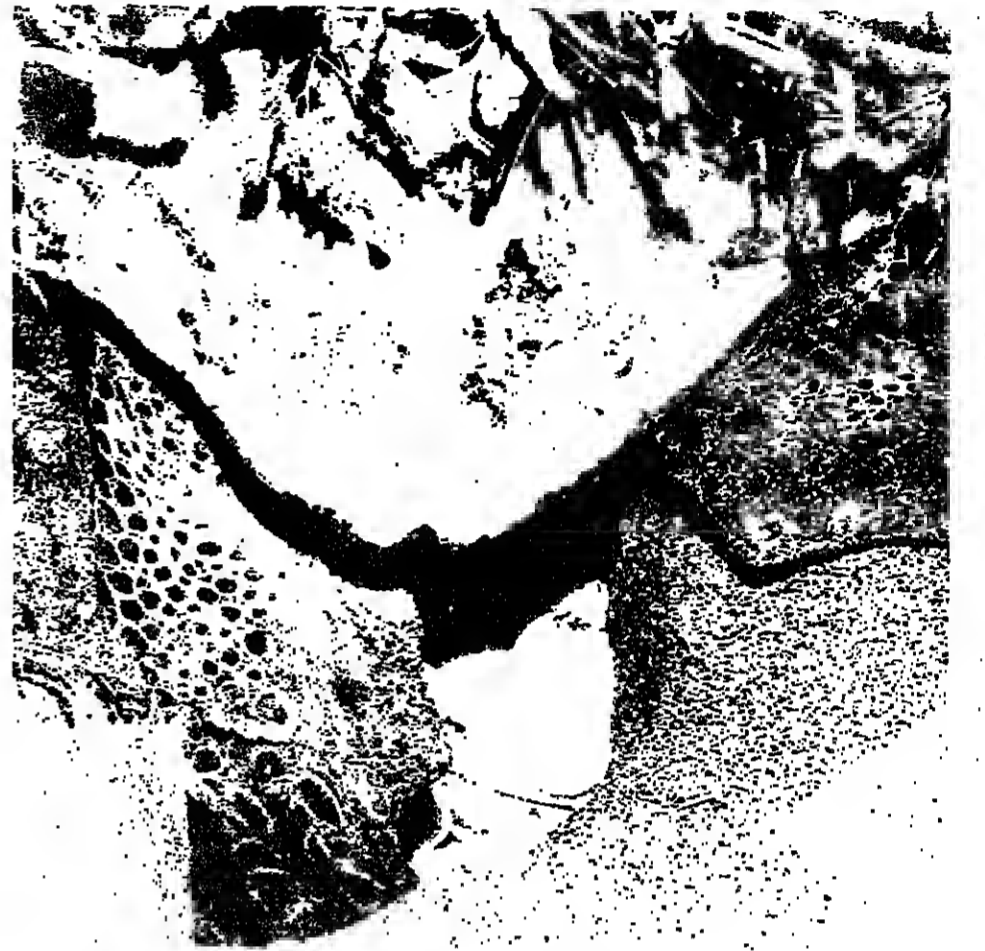
being tested in an effort to change these conditions.

Both the Fisheries Ministry and Mexican Fishery Products keep a constant statistical count of turtle populations to prevent overfishing and to determine franchises. In 1980, an estimated 14 million eggs were laid along the Pacific Coast beaches, from which 6.8 million turtles emerged. Based on a low 1 percent survival rate, an estimated 68,000 will reach maturity. During the same year, 54,000 adult turtles were delivered to the processing plants.

If the number of animals born and likely to reach adulthood can be kept higher than the number caught, then not only will a state of equilibrium be maintained, but there is a good chance that Mexico's turtle populations will increase.



HEADING FOR SEA: A sea turtle heading for sea after the egg is hatched. Below: Eggs laid at the Oaxaca nesting beach. Left: The olive ridley sea turtle in breeding pool.



HATCHLINGS: These hatchlings are hardly two weeks old.

Their purpose is to prevent the females from being caught and to rescue the eggs.

When a nest is located, the eggs are removed and taken to the station. A heavy chickenwire fence has been built about 30 centimeters below ground-level to keep out intruders such as dogs, cattle, crabs and people. The area is partially roofed to shield the saltwater stock tanks for hatched turtles from the sun and birds.

In the roofless area, about 20 by 60 yards, staff members dig holes 1.5 feet deep and deposit up to 100 eggs in each. The eggs, in size and appearance like pingpong balls, are covered with a sand layer. About 50 days later, quivering movements in the sand indicate that the turtles are hatching. As they pop out of their shells, they are moved to the stock tanks and fed small pieces of fish. The hatchlings are placed in the ocean three nights later, with the darkness protecting them from birds, crabs and fish. When time and personnel are available, the baby turtles are taken in boats beyond the breaking waves to prevent their being pounded back onto the beach.

From the beginning of July to the end of October 1981, a total of 314,000 eggs at Playon de Mismaloya were collected and incubated. The percentage of live births was a high 85 percent. Only 5,000 died in the tanks, and, at the season's end, over 260,000 tiny turtles had been placed in the ocean. The odds against their reaching adulthood are great, with perhaps only 5 percent reaching maturity.

"We are encouraged by last year's results," says Armando Regalado Rodriguez, who heads the project. "But we need more funds and more people if we are to do a better job. Our staff is too limited to thoroughly patrol the 60 kilometer beach. And if we all work every night, who is going to catch the fish to feed the turtles? And who will take care of the tanks?"

Patrolling isn't an easy job. "Even though we now have jeeps, turtle thieves, often on horseback, outmaneuver us," Regalado explains. "The beach is nearly deserted during the non-nesting months, but when summer arrives, families come to camp overnight. It's not solitude they're seeking; it's the turtles they're after. And we have a special problem with children. How can we arrest a child who has been instructed by his parent to find eggs? We're dealing with minors on federal property to which everyone has access."

Dr. Jose Luis Solorzano, one of the five veterinarians who head *Paran*, says the members' concern stems from the time when they were students; most of the volunteers are recruited from university ranks. "We realize that our contribution is a minor one," he says, "but we're convinced that every little bit helps."

Another variant of the government conservation program involves the almost extinct Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*), whose only nesting place in the world is at Playa de Rancho Nuevo, Tamauilipas, on Mexico's northern Gulf Coast. Pollution—primarily through oil spills and industrial wastes, port construction and maritime traffic—and fishing and nest violations have reduced this species to less than 5,000 adults.

In addition to a year-round fishing ban, Mexico maintains a watch force on the beach during nesting months. In cooperation with the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, 2,000 to 3,000 eggs from the Mexican nesting grounds are being transplanted to Padre Island, off the Texas coast. Since turtles return to nest where they were hatched, it is hoped that the Kemp's ridley will create a new nesting place, giving them a second chance at survival.

A similar joint program involves the green sea turtle migrations to the Colola and Maruata beaches, on the Michoacan coast. Researchers are also working to preserve the loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), which also nests in parts of Michoacan and is an endangered species. Under supervision of the Fisheries Ministry and the World Wildlife Fund, nests are being moved to wired corrals. More than half a million eggs were incubated last year with 50 to 60 percent live births.

The turtles' predilection for certain beaches is but one of the subjects being studied under the government's marine turtle program and at other research centers in Mexico. The turtles' natal shore is somehow imprinted in the hatchlings' memory as they scurry from nest to sea so they return to it as adults. But the exact process remains unknown.

Turtles are being tagged to determine migratory patterns. Olive ridleys from Mexico's Pacific Coast migrate in enormous numbers to the coast of Central America and Ecuador. Tagged Kemp's ridleys have been found off several U.S. Gulf of Mexico states.

The reasons for the migrations are not fully understood. Certainly ocean currents and



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Japanese brush off EEC trade charges

TOKYO, Aug. 29 (ONS) — A document prepared by the Japanese government blames Europe's weak export efforts and lack of competitiveness for the huge trade imbalance of the European Economic Community with Japan.

The document, drawn up by the Japanese Foreign Ministry, will be used in an attempt to refute EEC allegations about the "closed" nature of Japan's economy at the third round of trade talks between Japan and the EEC in October.

Dubai's trade shows rise

DUBAI, Aug. 29 (WAM) — A substantial increase in Dubai's external trade was evident in the years 1975 to 1981 although the imports in the last two years showed a slight decline, the UAE newspaper *Gulf News* has reported.

Citing a study released recently by the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the newspaper said that although both exports and imports had increased in value over the five-year period, the reduction in imports during the last two years is in comparison to the 1979 figures when imports had recorded a 17 percent increase value-wise.

However, the imports of goods under miscellaneous category such as wood, natural fibers and fertilizers had registered an increase during 1980-81.

There was also an increase in the value of chemicals, processed items, food and live animals, the paper added.

The Japanese arguments are bound further to infuriate EEC ministers, already frustrated by what they perceive as a lack of sincerity by Japan in opening up its markets to foreign goods.

Last year, the EEC had a \$10 billion trade deficit with Japan, and there has been a stream of strongly worded warnings to Japan from EEC countries to rectify the balance.

The document will create an uncomfortable atmosphere for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in talks with Japanese leaders next month when she visits Tokyo. On top of the \$2.3 billion deficit Britain had with Japan last year, relations have been further strained by reports that Nissan has canceled its plans for building a car plant in the U.K.

The document contends that EEC criticisms of Japan's economic system are too vague to be considered under the ground rules of GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It then gives a point-for-point rejection of individual EEC complaints.

Europe has often castigated Japan for its "oligopolies" and for alleged collusion between big industrial concerns. Japan's reply is that there is more competition among industry in Japan than in Europe.

For instance there are nine Japanese car makers against five in the U.S. and six in West Germany. There are five Japanese main-frame computer makers against only three in Europe. There is far less inside trading among Japanese industrial combines than those in West Germany or in U.S.

The reply to the EEC charge that Japan has a low rate of import of finished goods to GNP is hardly likely to satisfy EEC ministers.

Santa Fe edges out competitors

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP) — "Santa Fe International Corp., the Alhambra, California-based drilling and engineering company acquired by Kuwait Petroleum in 1981 is making the best of its new status as an Arabian Gulf corporation by edging out competitors for valuable jobs in the Arab world," *Business Week* says.

In its Sept. 6 edition, the magazine notes that "in addition to capturing major local contracts from their new parent, Santa Fe and its C.F. Braun and Co. engineering subsidiary have been scooping up contracts in neighboring countries, and the benefits of Kuwaiti ownership could give Santa Fe a lion's share in Kuwait's burgeoning oil and gas ventures in the U.S., Africa, Asia and Australia."

The periodical adds that "recent Kuwaiti prizes awarded to Braun include a \$2.5 billion refinery expansion at Mina Abdullah outside Kuwait."

Brazil to market fuel-saving car

SAO PAULO, Aug. 29 (APF) — A Brazilian company will market a mini-car starting in September that will burn only five liters (quarts) of gasoline (petrol) per 100 kilometers (62 miles). It was announced here Sunday.

The two-passenger car is named the Dacon after its designer. It has a fiber-glass body and a 900 cc Volkswagen engine. The introductory price will be 1.4 million cruzeiros (about \$7,000).

should be extremely careful," he told the *Rand Daily Mail*. On Thursday, Horwood announced a further increase of one percentage point, the second this year, in local sales tax to take it to six percent.

Saying that this would add about \$290 million to revenue, Horwood said: "Where the gold price averaged \$460 an ounce last year, the average price to date this year is only \$350 per ounce."

"A fall in price of this magnitude means, over a period of 12 months, a loss in government revenue of no less than 1,200 million rand (\$1.05 billion)."

According to economic analysts, the country's real growth rate is unlikely to exceed one percent this year.

South Africa's balance of payments ended last year some 3.7 billion rand (then worth \$3.74 billion) in the red, and was in record deficit to the tune of 6.9 billion rand (then \$6.83 billion) in the first quarter of this year.

before it gets better.

Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock told the bank's annual meeting that although medium and long-term prospects were excellent, strict control over money supply, the amount of money in the economy, was needed, which meant high interest rates. Reflation or stimulation of the economy was out of the question, he said.

"So far the downswing has been mild and has not shown the characteristics of full-scale recession," said. "It is, however, expected to continue in the period immediately ahead."

Economic recovery in the United States and other major industrialized countries was expected to start only between now and the end of this year, he added.

Finance Minister Owen Horwood said the sharp recent rise in the gold price did not mean a turning point in the current downturn had arrived. "Market speculators

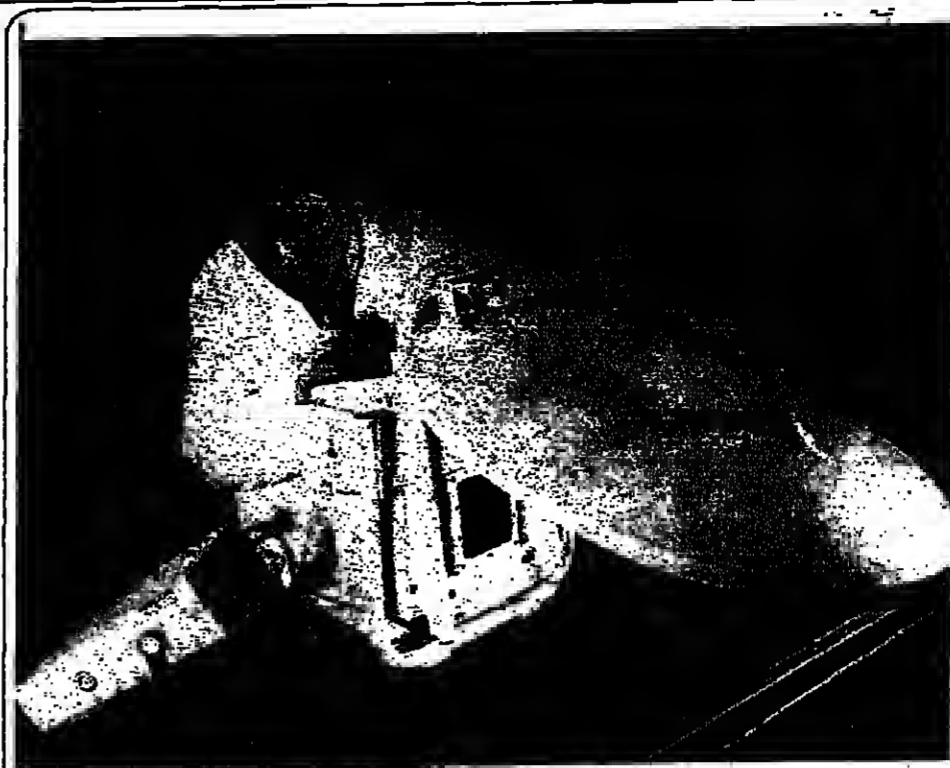
Gold boom fails to dispel S. Africa's gloom

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 29 (R) — Despite the recent sharp surge in the price of gold to above \$400 an ounce, South Africa, the world's largest gold producer, has warned the people that tough times still lie ahead.

When gold lost its allure and nosedived after trading at \$875 an ounce just over 30 months ago as money interest rates soared, South Africa had to adjust to the radically changed circumstances.

The mining industry, hub of the economy, was seriously hit by the price fall to just below \$300 an ounce last June, and analysts said then that this meant that more than a quarter of the nation's gold mines were losing money.

The rise last week to around \$420 will help the mines, with one probable exception, to return to profitability. But South African financial authorities have cautioned against undue optimism, saying the country's economic situation is likely to get worse



RADAR WITH EYES: This new radar system for measuring stock levels in deep underground coal bunkers could have wide application in other industries that need to monitor quantities of produce and materials kept in silos and large storage containers. Developed in Britain, the equipment can measure levels over a range of up to 80 meters, using frequency modulated continuous wave, microcomputers and radar signal processing techniques.

For speedy recovery

U.K. urged to reflate economy

LONDON, Aug. 29 (AP) — Britain's top private economic research institute called on the government to reflate the country's economy "to put us back on the long road toward recovery."

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research said in its quarterly forecast of the country's economy that, if anything, its May forecast had been too optimistic.

"For the past 18 months we have been forecasting that recession would be followed, not by a strong recovery, but by a prolonged phase of sluggish output growth and rising unemployment."

It added: "Developments since the beginning of this year suggest that our previous assessments, so far from being too pessimistic, may if anything have over-stated the prospects for recovery on unchanged policies."

The institute which the doctrine that a government should spend its way out of depressions in order to cut unemployment and give the people purchasing power to stimulate industrial revival, a policy which is contrary to that adopted by the present government, said: "We do not share the faith of some economists in a purely monetary remedy for recession. We doubt if any practicable easing in monetary policy will prove an effective solution by itself."

The government has refused to abandon its policy of restricting credit and cutting expen-

diture in order to bring inflation out of the system.

The government announced on Tuesday that the number of jobless had reached 3.29 million or 13.8 percent of the working population of 23,850,000.

The National Institute said the economy appeared to have settled down at the level of the tough of the recession last year and said "treasury ministers" who argued early in 1981 "that an upturn was imminent, have continued to put their faith in a spontaneous recovery that is always, apparently, just around the corner."

Taiwan plugs into automation

TAIPEI, Aug. 29 (CNA) — The Republic of China plans to promote industrial automation in 8 years starting from 1983.

This plan would increase the capabilities of production and completion with foreign companies in the electronic, machinery, textile and plastic industries.

According to the plan drawn up by the technology panel under the Executive Yuan, the government will spend NT \$4,250 million (about \$106.25 million) to implement the automation projects from 1983 to 1990. The plan will be carried out in two stages.

Singapore plans urban rail system

SINGAPORE, Aug. 29 (R) — Singapore plans soon to begin construction of a multi-billion dollar urban railway system to take advantage of the current recession in industrialized countries, Communications Minister Ong Teng Cheong said Sunday.

The government would award contracts by the middle of next year for the building of the first and most expensive phase of the railway, known as the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), he told a social gathering.

It would cover 15 km (nine miles) from north to south of the island, including more than 10 km (six miles) of the expensive underground section.

The MRT, estimated to cost about five billion Singapore dollars (\$2.5 billion) would cover a total distance of 58 km (36 miles), linking the island's main population centers.

The government announced its decision to go ahead with the MRT three months ago after exhaustive feasibility studies which took several years and cost more than eight million Singapore dollars (\$4 million).

"Our aim is to get on with MRT construction quickly to take advantage of the recession now prevailing in the industrial world," Ong said. First contracts would be called early in 1983 and awarded by the middle of the year, he said.

"Thereafter contracts will continue to be awarded in quick succession. These contracts will involve considerable tunnelling and open-cut construction over several years, much of it in the part of the central area," he said.

Official studies earlier estimated the whole project could be completed within 10 to 12 years.

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Quitting EMS ruled out

France to trim interest rates

HELSINGOR, Aug. 29 (AFP) — The rates of interest on the French money market will be cut Monday, French Finance Minister Jacques Delors announced Sunday.

He did not specify how far the interest rate would fall. France unlike its EEC partners, did not alter its interest rates last week, despite further interest cuts in the United States.

Delors, speaking to reporters before an informal meeting of European Economic Community finance ministers near Helsingor, at the same time dismissed the possibility of further devaluation this year of the French franc, or of the franc leaving the European Monetary System (EMS).

He said there was no reason to devalue the franc again this year, pointing out that he hoped for the second half of 1982 to bring the annual rate of price rises in France down to 8 percent, a percentage close to the West German and British percentages and lower than

those of Italy and Belgium.

Rumors of the franc exiting from the EMS were baseless, he said, adding that membership of the EMS was a cornerstone of French economic policy.

He would not, he said, ask the current meeting for an EEC loan to help France counter its balance of payment problems. Such a loan, he said, might be in the region of 2 billion Ecu (\$1.9 billion) and would have to be part of an economic revival package.

The meeting, which opened at noon Sunday and will continue until Monday afternoon, will prepare the EEC's position for the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meeting opening in Toronto next Sept. 6.

Delors said he wanted to see a better balance in world finance between the private sector and institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund

(IMF). He said he would be pleading for such a balance to be struck when he attended the annual meeting of the IMF. "I shall be pleading for a balancing of the role of the international organizations and the private financial systems," he added.

Delors added that he would also be asking the IMF as well as the World Bank, to invest more money in the developing world and in a more elaborate and careful way than at present.

Delors said he had no miracle answer to the world's economic problems but said he wanted a return to the spirit of the Bretton-Woods agreement, which gave birth to the World Bank and the IMF after the World War II. "That is to say we should return to the inspiration, the spirit of solidarity and the good sense which allowed the original signatories to build a central organization," he said.

Soviets accept U.S. challenge

IVAND-FRANKOVSK, USSR, Aug. 29 (AP) — Alexander Pashchuk, a 27-year-old welder on the Siberian gas pipeline to Western Europe, has a message for U.S. President Ronald Reagan — the project will be finished despite American efforts to stop it. Furthermore, he added, "we will do it on time."

Here have been suggestions to the official press of manpower and organizational problems on the 3,500-mile (5,630 km) pipeline from Urengoi in Siberia to Western European distribution systems.

But, during a tour Friday by foreign journalists of Carpathian Mountain work sites about 115 miles east of the Czech frontier, workers and officials echoed Pashchuk's confidence that sanctions imposed by Reagan to stop the project will fail and that gas will

flow to Western Europe by January 1984 as scheduled.

"It may come as a surprise for you, but all this publicity about the pipeline has only helped us in our work," Viktor Kulijazev, an official of the ministry of oil and gas construction, told reporters. "I think all the polemics touched a nerve in the Russian soul," he said. "It brought out our patriotism. After the embargo was imposed, we had 20,000 applications from specialists who wanted to work on the project."

In retaliation for the Soviet Union's support of martial law in Poland, Reagan has barred American firms from supplying equipment to build or run the pipeline. The United States later extended the ban to European firms building key materials like compressor stations, rotors and turbines with American technology.

The main recipients of the Siberian natural gas are expected to be West Germany, France, Italy and Austria, and the Reagan administration does not want its NATO allies dependent on Soviet gas supplies.

The United States also wants to deny the Soviet Union an estimated \$10 billion a year from gas sales — badly needed cash that could be used to purchase grain and technology from the United States and other Western sources.

The Europeans already have begun disregarding the embargo, however, and in the Western sector of the project, reporters saw workers using Japanese machinery and West German pipe.

But Western experts wonder if the Soviet Union can get enough of the Japanese equipment or produce enough at home to make up for the lack of American technology.

Budget deficit continues to plague Peking

PEKING, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Communist China's economy is still threatened by a persistent budget deficit and stagnant energy production despite substantial economic progress over the last three years, the Peking Review said Sunday.

The review said that for the first time, the deficit was maintained at 2,551 million yuan (\$1.3 billion) last year only through large cutbacks in public spending that hampered economic development.

The retail price index jumped 10.7 percent between 1979 and 1981, while food prices soared 32.1 percent over the same period, said the review published in several languages and aimed at a foreign readership.

The energy sector is China's second economic bottleneck, it said, with production levels stationary and dropping slightly in the case of oil.

China's oil output dipped from 104 million tons in 1978 to 101 million tons last year. Coal production rose slightly from 618 million to 620 million tons for the same period, while electricity output rose significantly from 256,000 million to 309,000 million kilowatt-hours.

The Peking Review said there was little hope for improvement in energy output in the immediate future and added that the situation, coupled with the budget deficit, "will considerably hold back industrial production."

Fake 'treasures' said on display

TOKYO, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Leading scholars of oriental antiquities believe that most of the items in an exhibition of Persian art treasures being held in Tokyo are fakes, Kyodo News Agency reported here Sunday.

The agency said the one-week exhibition had opened last Tuesday at Mitsukoshi Department Store, one of leading department stores in Japan, with a catalogue claiming that the 47 items on display, including gold and silver jewelry, were worth more than 2.15 billion yen (\$8.5 million).

The catalogue said the items, dating from the 12th to sixth centuries B.C., had only recently been discovered in Iran.

The first person to suspect that the "treasures" were fakes was a museum researcher who received a copy of the catalogue prior to the opening, according to the agency.

Dr. Katsumi Tanabe said he quickly realized from the catalogue alone that many of the items were not genuine and he wrote to Mitsukoshi to advise them of this, but the department store officials ignored his letter.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates remain stable

J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Sunday was reported as a quiet trading day but riyal deposit rates remained firm from opening levels. Most dealings were concentrated on the shorter end of the market, with both Kingdom-based institutions and the Bahraini-based OBU's — offshore banking units — covering shortfalls in their immediate cash-flows.

The markets were generally awaiting new developments when the European markets open Monday. For the time being the recent sharp drops in riyal rates that was witnessed has come to a temporary halt. Week-fixed riyal rates traded at a firmer level of 7 1/2 - 8 1/2 percent compared with 5 1/2 - 6 1/2 percent only last Thursday. The one-month JIBOR was similarly up to 8 1/2 - 9 percent from 7 1/2 - 8 percent a few days ago.

In the longer terms the one-year rate was

unchanged at 11 - 11 1/2 percent ranges. Dealing volumes were small, however, and one has to wait and see if these prices will "stick" when the European markets re-open Monday. This largely depends on what the markets perceive in happening to Eurodollar deposit rates which rallied by the close of the trading week on Friday night in New York. However, with some bank holidays due Monday, the issue might not be clearer until later in the week.

On the local exchanges, the late surge in the dollar's value in New York caused some more active dealing in the spot riyal dollar rates Sunday. Prices rose to 3.4408-15 at one stage from opening levels of 3.4202-08 with commercial transactions also picking up. These were the highest spot prices for interbank dealings that the markets have seen over the past week, but once again volumes were described as being moderate.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — New Zealand has accepted article eight of the International Monetary Fund's charter, the fund has said here. This means that New Zealand will ensure the convertibility of foreign deposits within its territory, will not use discriminatory monetary practices or multiple exchange rates, and will not restrict payments and transfers for current international transactions.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AP) — A Malaysian trade mission left for Austria, Greece and Egypt to expand trade and scout joint-venture opportunities. The group of manufacturers is led by deputy secretary-general of trade and industry ministry, Nordin Hassan, a statement from the ministry said. The 22-member mission will look into ways of

exporting Malaysian manufactured and semi-manufactured goods to the countries they visit, the ministry said.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Chinese geologists are to make a long-term survey of the oil basins in western China, potentially the nation's major inland source of oil, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Sunday.

MONTREAL, (AFP) — The South Korean Sangyong Corporation and the David Coal Corp. of Vancouver have announced a joint development of the Willow Creek coal project in Canada's north-eastern British Columbia. Sangyong, one of the largest cement producers in the world plans to purchase 400,000 tons of coal a year for nine years from the mine, beginning in October 1983.

UNCTAD to view brain drain

GENEVA, Aug. 29 (R) — Economists and development experts meet here next week to discuss what the "brain drain", the steady flow of scientists, doctors and engineers from poor to rich countries, costs developing nations.

These countries, which lose hundreds of their university graduates each year to lucrative posts in Western Europe and North America, are now looking for ways of getting a refund on their investment — with the help of the United Nations.

The meeting, sponsored by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will study ways of measuring the financial loss incurred by developing countries when their much-needed professionals emigrate.

The long-term goal — one that industrialized countries are sure to oppose during these talks as they did once before in 1978 — is to set up a compensation scheme under which developing countries could tax their nationals

abroad to gain some of the extra income they earn. The industrialized countries are thought to have gained about \$51 billion worth of human capital from 1961 to 1972 alone, according to UNCTAD studies.

"The migration of manpower, especially skilled manpower, from developing to developed countries is not just a movement of persons," an UNCTAD study prepared for the meeting said. "It is a real transfer of productive resources from poor to rich countries."

Although they take differing approaches to measuring the brain drain, the four studies presented in papers for next week's talks all conclude that developed countries reap considerable benefits from it.

The most conservative estimates indicate that the United States, Britain and Canada gave \$46 billion in development aid to poor countries between 1961 and 1972 but got \$51 billion worth of human capital back in that time.

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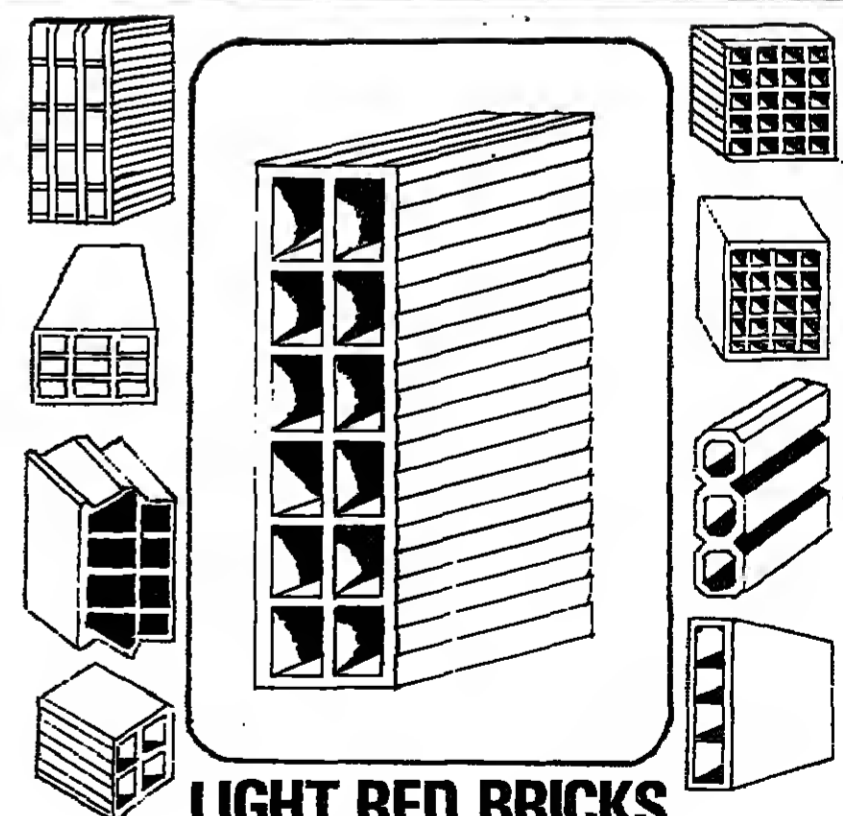
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With Allenson's timely show

Red Sox wriggle past Angels

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP) — Gary Allenson came through with a perfect hunt with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Boston Red Sox a 7-6 victory over the California Angels Saturday.

Care Lansford had set up the winning run with a one-out single off Bruce Kison. 7-5. He then stole second and Wade Boggs was walked intentionally. Lansford and Boggs then pulled off a double steal, and after a strikeout, pinch-hitter Rick Miller was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Allenson laid down his bunt, scoring Lansford, and easily beat third baseman Doug Decinces' throw to first. Rod Carew had

smacked in a three-run homer and Don Baylor added a two-run shot to give California a 5-0 lead in the sixth. Boston scored five times in the seventh, three runs coming on Dave Stapleton's homer.

Toronto edged the New York Yankees 3-2 as Willie Upshaw's two-out bloop single to center in the bottom of the 11th drove in Rance Mulliniks. Joe Niekro hurled a six-hitter as Houston topped Montreal 2-0. Houston pinned the loss on Charlie Lea.

Milt May's two-run homer helped San Francisco snap a six-game losing streak as they beat Pittsburgh 4-2. Atee Hammaker and Rego Minton combined on a six-hitter for the Giants.

In NL night games, Claudell Washington broke out of a 3-for-21 slump with two home runs, the second a two-run shot in the eighth inning that snapped a 2-2 tie, as the Atlanta Braves extended the New York Mets' losing streak to 12 games with a 4-3 victory.

Ivan DeJesus drilled a three-run double to highlight Philadelphia's six-run sixth inning and he also homered to support Mike Krukow's seven-hitter as the Phillies downed the Cincinnati Reds 7-1.

In AL night games, Vida Blue allowed five hits in seven innings and Frank White's two-run double capped a seven-run second inning as the Kansas City Royals moved into first place in the American League west with a 10-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox. The Royals victory, their fifth in a row and eighth in their last 10 games, enabled them to pull a game ahead of the Angels.

Wayne Gross knocked in four runs with a two-run homer and two singles and Mitchell Page, who struck out in his first three at-bats, broke a 4-4 tie with a solo homer leading off Oakland's eighth inning as the A's beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-6.

Cal Ripken Jr. blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning to lift the Baltimore Orioles to a 8-3 victory over the Texas Rangers. Gary Gaetti knocked in four runs with a homer and a sacrifice fly and Jack O'Connor pitched a six-hitter, pacing the Minnesota Twins to a 10-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

In late west coast games, Ron Cey homered and drove in four runs to hack the eight-hit pitching of Jerry Reuss as Los Angeles defeated the Chicago Cubs 7-1 for the Dodgers fourth straight victory. Dave Henderson scored from third base on Dave Tobik's wild pitch with two outs in the ninth inning, capping a three-run rally that gave the Seattle Mariners a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Standings

National League				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	73	54	.575	—
Philadelphia	71	57	.555	2 1/2
Montreal	68	61	.527	6
Pittsburgh	68	61	.527	6
Chicago	57	74	.435	18
New York	50	77	.394	23
Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	73	57	.562	—
Atlanta	71	57	.555	1
San Diego	66	63	.512	6 1/2
San Francisco	65	65	.500	8
Houston	61	68	.473	11 1/2
Cincinnati	50	79	.388	22 1/2
American League				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	75	52	.591	—
Boston	70	58	.547	5 1/2
Baltimore	69	58	.543	6
Detroit	64	63	.504	11
New York	64	63	.504	11
Cleveland	61	63	.492	12 1/2
Toronto	61	69	.469	15 1/2
Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	75	54	.581	—
California	74	55	.574	1
Chicago	66	61	.520	8
Seattle	61	67	.477	13 1/2
Oakland	58	72	.446	17 1/2
Texas	50	77	.394	24
Minnesota	46	82	.359	28 1/2



AND IT'S RECORD: Umpire Mike Reilly gives the safe signal as Oakland A's Rickey Henderson holds onto second base in Friday night's game against the Milwaukee Brewers that gave Henderson 119 stolen bases and bettered Lou Brock's Major League record.

U.S. swimmers sink Soviets

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, Aug. 29 (AP) — The U.S. swim team, with strong performances by Rowdy Gaines and Mary T. Meagher, outscored the Soviet nationals 224-156 to win the USA-USSR dual meet Saturday at the University of Tennessee.

The American men topped the Soviets 111-79, and the American women outscored their opponents 113-77 during the three-day outdoor meet in which no world records were set.

The Americans dominated Saturday's competition, winning nine of 10 events. Vladimir Salnikov, a 22-year-old from Leningrad, was the only Soviet winner Saturday, reserving his domination of the men's 1,500-meter freestyle — an event he hasn't lost since 1977.

Salnikov, who holds the world's record of

14:56.35 in that event, swam the distance in 15:09.77. He held the lead the entire race, although American Jeff Kostoff kept pace with him until near the end, when he finished 11.22 seconds behind.

Meagher, 17, overpowered fellow American Melanie Buddemeyer in the final stretch to set a new meet record 1:00.19 in the women's 100-meter butterfly. The old record was 1:00.40.

Meagher, who holds the world record of 57.93 in that event, won the race only minutes after taking fourth in the 200-meter freestyle. Gaines, 23, set a new meet record of 1:49.43 in the men's 200-meters freestyle after leading for more than half the race. The old meet record was 1:51.19. Gaines holds the world's record of 1:48.93 in that event.

Across the English Channel at 65

DOVER, England, Aug. 29 (AP) — Asbby Harper, 65, became the oldest person in the world to win the English Channel Saturday when he made the Dover-France crossing in 13 hours 52 minutes.

The time was confirmed when his pilot boat brought him back to Dover early Sunday with an observer from the Channel Swimming Association, which monitors all crossings of the waterway.

Harper, a high school principal from Albuquerque, New Mexico, stepped into the water at Dover's Shakespeare Beach on Saturday morning in sunny weather, and said when he got back that he "crawled" ashore at Cape Blanc Nez between Calais and Boulogne.

"Now I feel the happiest man alive. But when I finished that swim and crawled out of the water I felt cold and old," he told a reporter. "But I think my swim shows that there are plenty of things people can do when they are over 65. There is no need to retire from anything."

Harper, beat the previous record held by fellow American, James Edward "Doc" Counsilman, a former Olympic coach who was

aged 58 years and 260 days when he swam from England to France in 13 hours 7 minutes on Sept. 14, 1979. The distance across the waterway is 21 miles (33 km) in a straight line, but tides, winds and currents make the swim far longer.

Meanwhile, American yachtsman Bill Dunlop landed at this southwest England harbor Sunday morning, setting a new record by crossing the Atlantic west to east in the smallest boat ever, the coast guard reported.

Dunlop made his historic solo crossing in a boat, Wind's Will, which is only 9 feet one inch (2.76 meters) long, eight inches shorter than the yacht Giltspur in which Briton Tom McClean set a record two weeks ago. McClean reached Falmouth on Aug. 12 after a 50-day voyage. Sunday was Dunlop's 78th day at sea.

Dunlop, a 41-year-old former truck driver, left the United States from Portland, Maine, one June 13.

Vilas downs Teltscher for season's 8th

SOMERS, New York, Aug. 29 (AP) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina defeated Eliot Teltscher 7-5, 6-3 Saturday to win the \$10,000 top prize in the \$50,000 AMF-Head Tennis Tournament at Heritage Hills.

For Vilas, the top seed in this 14-player event and seeded fourth in the U.S. Open beginning Tuesday, it was his eighth tournament victory of the year. Teltscher, seeded second here, won \$5,000.

Vilas trailed 1-4 and 3-5 in the opening set of the 90-minute match before breaking Teltscher's next two services with his superior baseline play. The lone break of the second set came in the eighth game.

Meanwhile, top seed Gene Mayer defeated Mark Edmondson of Australia 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to move into Sunday's finals of the Hamlet Challenge Cup Tennis Tournament. He will play South African Johan Kriek, a 6-3, 6-1 semifinal winner over Shlomo Glickstein.

Top-seeded John McEnroe will begin the defense of his U.S. Open Tennis Championship on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. McEnroe will play Tim Gullikson in his first-round match.

Replacing McEnroe as the second match on Tuesday night's stadium court schedule will be ninth-seeded Yannick Noah of France against Kevin Curren of South Africa.

However, McEnroe's doubles partner, Peter Fleming, and Chris Evert Lloyd's husband John Lloyd were among the losers Saturday in the second round of the qualifying tourney for the U.S. Open.

Other players who fell Saturday included Chilean Belus Prajoux, Colombian Alejandro Cortes and Briton Andrew Jarret, while Swede Hans Simonsson kept his chances of qualifying into the main draw alive with a fluent win over American Nial Brash.

Chauncey Steele Jr., who is unbeaten in three years of Britannia Cup play, led the United States to its fourth championship in the International Tennis Event for men 65 and older as he defeated Canada's Ellis Tashis 6-4, 6-2. The United States, seeded first, swept past Canada 3-0 in the final of the 13-nation tournament held in New York.

In Mahwah, New Jersey, sixth-seeded Bettina Bunge defeated German Federation Cup teammate Claudia Kohde 6-3, 7-5 in a semifinal match Saturday night to set up a meeting against Leigh Thompson in the final of the \$100,000 Volvo Women's Cup Tennis Championships at Ramapo College.

Thompson, 18, who almost blew a 5-2 lead in the second set, scored a 7-6, 6-4 victory over fellow-American Wendy White in a 108-minute semifinal. Bunge and Thompson will play Sunday. Bunge took the opening set against Kohde on service breaks in the first and ninth games. Kohde rallied from a 1-3 deficit in the second set to tie at 5-5, but Bunge regained control to win in the 12th game.

In a nail-biting finish Russian cagers triumph

CALL, Colombia, Aug. 29 (AFP) — The Soviet Union won the men's basketball world title for the third time when they beat the United States by the narrowest of margins in the final here Saturday as the championships at last produced a match to remember.

In the end, the Soviets won 95-94 after a gripping match which produced a fight to the finish with the lead changing hands almost as often as the ball was passed. And it could not have been a more dramatic end to the championships if River's jump shot had not bounced off the rim with just five seconds of the final remaining. The Americans had fought back to within a point of the strong Soviet team.

But Glenn Rivers, on the night their best player and leading scorer with 24 points, missed his shot and with it the chance to become an instant national hero, as the Russians breathed an almost audible sigh of relief at the final whistle.

The Americans, who went into the match with the psychological advantage of having beaten the Soviet Union 99-93 less than 48 hours previously, started confidently enough but after 12 minutes found themselves 13 points down.

But, showing few signs of tiredness after two gruelling matches in as many days, they fought back, with Rivers again displaying all

the agility and skill which has marked him out as one of the most accomplished marksmen in the championships.

He battled in alone frequently breaching the now suspect Soviet defense, who were forced to break out and attack, abandoning their stonewalling tactics designed to frustrate the Americans. Even so, at halftime the Americans had forged their way in front, despite being obliged to commit a series of personal fouls to hold off the Soviets, and went in for the break with a slender 49-47 advantage.

The second half looked set for a pitched battle, as both sides came out with a positive approach and after 27 minutes, the sides were level at 63-63. From then on the Soviets stayed on the offensive and finally gave themselves a cushion of seven points after 34 minutes to lead 82-75. But the Americans were by no means finished, as Rivers, Carr and Jones took it in turns to whittle away at the Soviet lead before Rivers threw away his chance at the very last.

Earlier in the day, Yugoslavia, the pre-championship favorites, made sure of the bronze medal when they beat Spain 119-117 in another cliffhanger in the third-place play-off. Dragan Kicanovic's 14 points for Yugoslavia in the match took him to the head of the individual scorers list for the championships, three points ahead of Australia's Ian Davies.

Twigg pedals to pursuit title

LEICESTER, England, Aug. 29 (AP) — Rebecca Twigg overhauled Connie Carpenter Saturday to become the first American to win the women's pursuit title at the World Cycling Championships.

The 19-year-old U.S. national champion trailed Carpenter, 25, by 1.39 seconds midway through the final, but stormed back to win in fine style. Twigg's winning time was 3 minutes, 51.95 seconds, a mark that eclipsed her own track record.

Twigg and Carpenter's 1-2 success gave the American team a sweep of the gold and silver medals in the two women's events contested at the World Championships. Connie Paraskevin Wednesday won the women's sprint title from Sheila Young-Ochowicz.

Gaby Minneboos of the Netherlands won his fifth amateur motor paced title in the only other final contested Saturday night. Minneboos, champion in 1973-76-77 and 1980 covered the 50-kilometer (31-mile) distance in 43 minutes 03.63 seconds. Defending

champion Mathe Pronk, also of Holland, was second and Rainer Podlesch of West Germany was third.

In other action Saturday, two defending champions — Koichi Nakano and Alain Bondue — cruised into the semifinals of their respective events.

Nakano, the 26-year-old Japanese ace who has held the professional sprint title for the last five years, beat Colin Ryan of New Zealand 2-0 in the quarterfinal, easing up both times. He was joined in the semifinals by Gordon Singleton of Canada, Yave Cahard of France and Suichi Kamekawa of Japan.

Singleton, last year's silver medalist, won the keirin title Friday night and again looked impressive in defeating Tadashi Noda of Japan 2-0. Bondue, the 23-year-old reigning professional pursuit champion, caught Robert Dill-Bundi on the ninth lap of 15 on the steeply banked 333.3-meter (364-yard) Saffron Lane Track and slowed down to finish in 6 minutes, 27.92 seconds.

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In World Series Golf

Ray Floyd moves into driver's seat

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 29 (AP)—Ray Floyd of the United States, currently golf's leading money-winner this year, edged his way closer to another super pay-out in the \$400,000 World Series here Saturday.

Floyd, the PGA champion, battled against gusty winds on the difficult 7,173-yard Firestone Country Club course for a third round two-under-par 68 to take a three-stroke lead into Sunday's final round.

After his one-under-par first round of 69, and his one-over-par second round of 71, Floyd is now the only man in the star-studded international field in below-par figures, with a three-round total of 208.

His closest challenger, the overnight leader Bob Shearer of Australia, who had carded two 69's the earlier rounds, struggled against the conditions and finished with a hard-won 73 and a total of 211. Two shots further back are Japan's Isao Aoki and Craig Stadler, who have had contrasting fortunes in the tournament so far.

Aoki has recovered well from a disastrous start, when he hit a first round seven-over-par 77. On Friday he carded a four-under-par 66, and kept his nerve Saturday to equal par with 70, while Stadler's bright start has faded somewhat. He hit a par 70 on the first day, a two-under 68 on Friday, but could do no better than a 75 in the third round.

Another Japanese, who has seen a promising start turn to disappointment is Naohiro Kuramoto, the joint first-round leader with 69. He followed that with a four-over-par second round of 74, and moved right out of contention with 76, for a three-round aggregate of 219.

Two of the game's biggest names are also a long way off the lead. Tom Watson, the U.S. and British Open champion, is ten shots adrift of Floyd, after a 69 Saturday, and is tied on 218 with the legendary Jack Nicklaus, who totaled 72. Curtis Strange, Lanny Wadkins and Tom Kite are six strokes off the pace with a three-round total of 214.

Meanwhile, American Robert Willits took the individual honors hut Australia won the team competition Saturday in the 20th Annual World Senior Golf Tournament at the Broadmoor Golf Course, Colorado Springs.

Willits, 64, winner of the world Senior Golf Championship in 1976, had a two-day total

Soccer violence

LONDON, Aug. 29 (AFP) — A special court was set up in the eastern coastal town of Grimsby Saturday evening to deal with soccer fans, who went on rampage in the town before, during and after, Grimsby Town's home Second Division match against Leeds United. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

A police spokesman said about 57 fans arrested on charges ranging from abuse of public order to criminal damage, assault and theft were expected to be brought before the court.

The spokesman said, a stand was badly damaged during the match, while a running battle broke out at the end of the match. This followed the previous night's riot when hundreds of Leeds fans descended on the town and ran amok.

of 141, seven strokes ahead of the four finishers who tied for second. Tied for second at 148 were Americans Steve Creekmoor, Ed Hopkins, Red Hogan and Australian Max Dale. L.D. Click of the United States and Johnny Andersson of Sweden were one stroke back at 149.

In team play, Australia finished first with a two-day total of 432. Defending champion United States was second with 434, followed by Sweden at 437, New Zealand 439 and Canada 440. Golfers from 27 nations competed in the tournament.

The tournament serves as a qualifying round for the 23rd World Senior Championships, which begins Monday and continues all week, culminating in an 18-hole championship Friday. The top 32 finishers in the tournament that ended Saturday qualify for next week's tournament.

In High Point, North Carolina, defending champion Sandra Haynie birdied the final hole Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Hall of Famer Joanne Carner after three rounds of the \$165,000 LPGA Henredon Classic.

The final round of the 72-hole tournament is scheduled for Sunday on the 6,191-yard par-72 Willow Creek Golf Club course. Haynie made birdie on No. 6 to move to 8-under and a three-stroke lead, but Carner, who has battled a cold all week made birdies of her own on Nos. 7, 10 and 11 to pull into a tie. But that was short-lived as Carner promptly put her second shot on No. 12 into the trees, eventually settling for bogey.

Haynie's lead remained at one stroke until she reached the green in two and sunk a 10-footer to finish her round. Her only bogey came when she 3-putted on the 10th hole.

Amy Alcott also made a big move in the third round. She shot 69 to go to five-under-par 211. Pat Bradley made bogey at No. 17 to fall to four-under and a tie with first-round co-leader Hollis Stacy for fourth place. Stacy bogeyed the final hole to shoot one-over-par 73.

Alcott began the day by three-putting for bogey on the first hole, but that was the last trouble she had on the greens. She made 25-footers for birdies on Nos. 4 and 5 and a 20-footer to save par on the 16th hole. Her only other bogey came on No. 13 when her drive landed among the pines.

Cosmos beaten

TULSA, Oklahoma, Aug. 29 (AP) — Yugoslavian born Nijego Pesa drilled home a deflected shot midway through the first half to give the Tulsa Roughnecks a 1-0 North American Soccer League playoff victory over the Cosmos Saturday night.

The victory ended the best-of-three play-off at one-game apiece, sending the series back to East Rutherford, New Jersey, Wednesday for a rubber match. The Cosmos won the opening contest 5-0 there.

Pesa's goal came at 22:58 amidst a flurry of shots. An attempt by Barry Wallace of England was deflected toward Pesa, who rammed it into the net.

Tulsa goalie Winston Dubose led a stingy Roughneck defense the rest of the way, handing the Cosmos their second shutout of the year. Dubose had six saves.



Hannu Mikkola... sixth triumph

Worcester piles up mammoth total

LONDON, Aug. 29 (R) — Pakistan's Younis Ahmed chalked up his 13th century of the season to help Worcestershire put a massive first innings score of 368 on the board in their English County Cricket Championship clash against Warwickshire Saturday at Edgbaston.

The 34-year-old Younis raced to 110-blasting 14 fours and a six in the process, before being bowled by Peter Lewington. He also reached 1,000 runs for the season for the 11th time in his career. Warwickshire were 40 for one in reply at the close, with Younis in the action again. He caught and bowled opener Timothy Lloyd for just six runs.

Championship leaders Middlesex declared their first innings on 304 for nine in their match against Sussex at Hove. Former England captain Mike Brearley hit 58, and with newcomer Richard Ellis put together a second-wicket stand of 97 off 27 overs. Allrounder Ian Greig, dropped by England for the third and final Test against Pakistan which started on Thursday, took four wickets for Sussex conceding 85 runs. Sussex were ten without loss at the close.

Hampshire's Trevor Jesty, knocking on the England selectors' door for the tour of Australia, did himself a power of good with his second century in three days. He hit 109 as Hampshire made 255 in 103 overs and then had Yorkshire in trouble at 17 for two in reply at Bournemouth.

Second-placed Leicestershire, giving a late chase to Middlesex, were restricted by the spin of former England player David Steele. Steele took five for 50 in Leicestershire's 263 against Northamptonshire at Northampton. And the home side then wiped out 39 off those runs without losing a wicket at the close.

Paul Allott, also in the running for a berth in the England squad to tour Australia and New Zealand this winter, knocked at the selectors' door with a five for 58 haul for Lancashire against Kent at Manchester. Kent were skittled out for 159 and the Lancs had replied with 105 for two.

West Indian seamer, Hallam Moseley, was another howler to shine. Moseley helped Somerset check Gloucestershire to 240 at Bristol, returning five figures of four for 50. Somerset had made 43 for no wicket at the stumps.

Champions Nottinghamshire went on a run riot against Derbyshire at Nottingham. Captain Clive Rice led the spree with a brilliant 144 as the Notts collected 400 runs for the loss of five wickets before declaring the innings. Derbyshire had scored nine runs with all their wickets intact when the stumps were drawn.

BRIEFS

BARCELONA, (AFP) — Cameroun international goalkeeper Thomas Nkomo, 27, who conceded only one goal in his team's three matches during the World Cup finals, arrived here Sunday to join his new Frist Division Club Espanol Barcelona. Nkomo, who is to sign a two-year contract, will replace Belgian international Theo Custers. The transfer fee is reputed to be about \$85,000.

LIMA, (R) — Colombian soccer officials expressed their determination here Sunday to organize the 1986 World Cup finals and won the support of other South American nations.

WESTBURY, New York, (AP) — Ideal Du Gazeau of France blew past pacesetter Nino Blazing of Sweden in the stretch Saturday night and won the \$250,000 International Trot at Roosevelt Raceway for the second straight year.

CAIRO, (R) — Kenya continued their domination in the African Athletics Championships when they finished with a tally of 12 gold medals, nine silver and 21 bronze.

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, (AP) — undefeated lightweight Hector Camacho knocked out Johnny Sato with a right upper cut Saturday at 2:15 of the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout. Camacho, a 20-year-old from New York, is ranked eight by the World Boxing Council. Sato, 27, from California, is ranked sixth by the WBC.

LUCERNE, Switzerland, (R) — The Soviet Union almost made a clean sweep of the women's finals at the World Rowing Championships here Saturday, taking five of the six titles.

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — Mark Basteman, a 27-year-old from New Zealand and 29-year-old South African Richard Montgomery have set a new non-stop squash endurance record of 106 hours. In total they played 949 points with Montgomery coming out on top 583 points to 366.

Mikkola spearheads Audi Quattro double

JYVASKYLA, Aug. 29 (AFP) — Hannu Mikkola of Finland won the Rally of the 1000 Lakes which ended here Sunday. Mikkola's victory headed an Audi Quattro double and gave him his sixth personal win in his home country's top motor sport event.

Second place after 300 miles of special stages went to the Quattro of Sweden's Stig Blomqvist with the Mitsubishi Turbo of Pentti Airikkala of Finland in third place.

With the retirement of the Rothman Opel of Henri Toivonen and the Ford Escort of Ari Vatanen at half distance, the two Audi drivers were able to set their own pace for the remainder of the event. Second placed Toivonen went out with head gasket failure following damage when he left the road after a puncture, while Vatanen suffered a broken engine.

The result narrows the gap in the Makers' section of the World Rally Championship with Audi moving closer to Opel, who did not score in Finland.

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Penske PC-10.

That was a few ticks better than the record set Friday in the opening qualifying session by Andretti. But his 130.603 was good enough to keep Andretti's Wildcat 88-Casworth on the outside of the front row.

Bobby Rahal, the top Indy-car rookie this season, held onto the third spot for Sunday's race with Friday's lap of 129.785, while defending race champion Rick Mears — Cogan's teammate — moved up to fourth with a lap of 129.62, which made him the fourth driver to top the old record for the 3.3-mile (5.3-km), nine-turn course of 129.559 set last year by Geoff Brabham.

Brabham took the outside spot on the third row with a 128.615 lap, with Indy 500 winner Gordon Johncock — Andretti's teammate — next to him at 129.160.

With maiden Grand Prix victory Rosberg zooms to the top

DIJON, France, Aug. 29 (AFP) — A mix-up over the number of laps in the race did not detract Keke Rosberg from winning the Swiss Grand Prix at Dijon-Prenois here Sunday.

The 33-year-old Finn's first Grand Prix win, achieved after five seasons of Formula One racing, took him to the top of the World Championship standings and made him the favorite to take the title at the end of the season, with only two Grand Prix to go — Italy and Las Vegas.

After the cars had whizzed round the 5.8 kilometers circuit no less than 81 times the race stewards decided that everyone had driven one lap: 100 many. The verdict made no difference to the outcome since Rosberg's Saubia-Williams had been well in the lead at the 80-lap mark, more than four and a half seconds ahead of runner-up Alain Prost of France and his Renault turbo.

Swiss results

1. Keke Rosberg	Williams	Finland
2. Didier Pironi	Renault	France
3. Niki Lauda	McLaren	Austria
4. Nelson Piquet	Brabham	Brazil
5. Riccardo Patrese	Brabham	Italy
6. Elio de Angelis	Lotus	Italy
7. Michele Alboreto	Tyrrell	Italy
8. Nigel Mansell	Britain	Lotus
9. Derek Daly	Williams	Ireland
10. Andrea de Cesaris	Alfa Romeo	Italy

World standings

1. Keke Rosberg	Finland	42 points
2. Didier Pironi	France	39
3. Alain Prost	France	31
4. John Watson	Britain	30
5. Niki Lauda	Austria	29
6. Elio de Angelis	Italy	23
7. Riccardo Patrese	Italy	21
8. Nelson Piquet	Brazil	20
9. Rene Arnoux	France	19
10. Patrick Tambay	France	19

The flying Finn made nonsense of the view that the small circuit would suit the turbo-assisted cars. He found so much power in his car's Ford Cosworth engine that he must have made team boss Frank Williams think twice about ordering turbo engines for next season.

Rosberg leads with 42 points with injured Ferrari driver Didier Pironi on 39. Prost is third with 31. Though the Italian Monza circuit should favor the turbos, the twisty Las Vegas track will suit the ground-holding abilities of the atmospheric cars and Rosberg will have the advantage.

Prost had led from the second to the 78th lap, with teammate Rene Arnoux in the slipstream. Prost's explanation of his failure to win was that a skirt had broken on his car. Arnoux was still in second place when he was forced to pull up in the 74th lap because of electrical injection problems. That left the way clear for Rosberg to move up and make his attack on Prost, overtaking him with two laps to go.

The other turbo cars also had tales of woe. The Brabham drivers, Nelson Piquet of Brazil and Italy's Riccardo Patrese, completed the now customary fuel stop-up and tyre change shortly after the halfway stage. But their cars would not run smoothly after the restart and they finished fourth and fifth respectively, behind the McLaren of former world champion Niki Lauda of Austria.

Ferrari had no car in the race at all because Patrick Tambay, their only driver since Pironi's accident at Hockenheim, failed to cure a bad hack and had to withdraw. Bosses of the Italian team did not want to risk further injury to the Frenchman in case he had to miss their domestic event.

Another team thinking about the Italian race are the all-British Toleman outfit, who are due to enter their new car there. The usual failure of the two turbo-powered cars here showed how much the new model is needed.

Rosberg... big boost

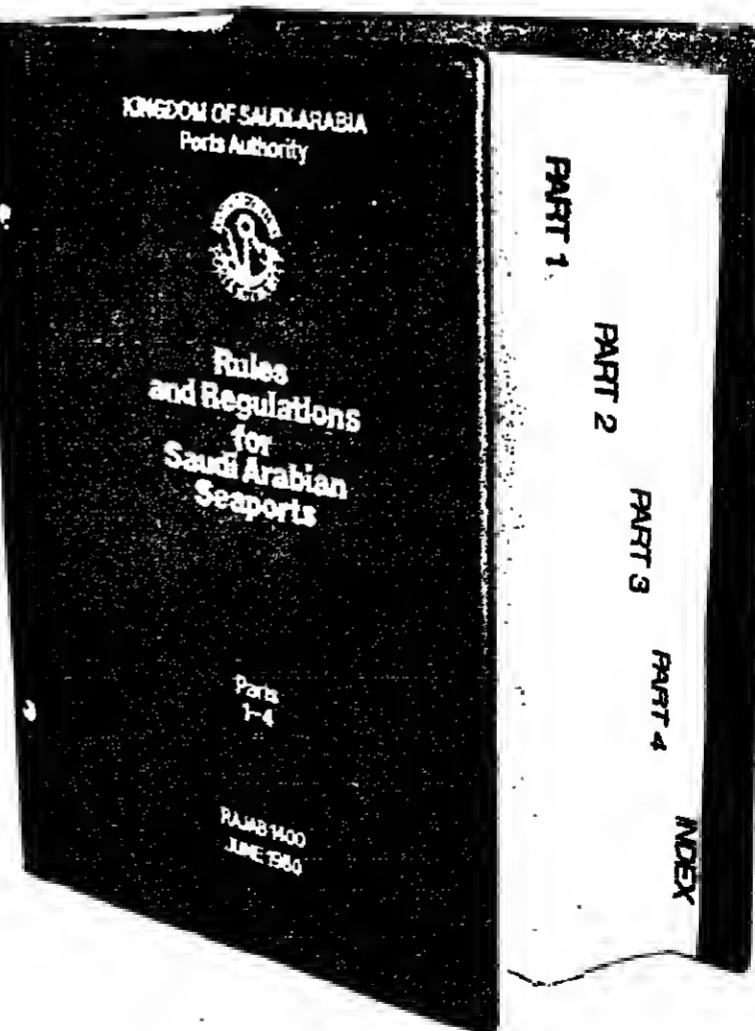
Laporte champ

VIMMERBY, Sweden, Aug. 29 (AFP) — American Danny Laporte crowned himself with glory by becoming the World 250 cc Motocross champion at the end of the Swedish Grand Prix, the final event of the World Championship, here Saturday.

Laporte, riding a Yamaha, came second in the second leg of the Swedish Grand Prix and this was enough for him to clinch the world title with a tally of 238 points. Belgian Georges Jobe on 225 points and Kees Van Der Keen of the Netherlands with 205 points followed Laporte in that order.

The Swedish Grand Prix itself was won by another American Danny Hansen. Hansen stered his Honda to victory in both the legs of the event. In the first leg, he finished ahead of Jobe, while in the second he finished ahead of Laporte and Jobe.

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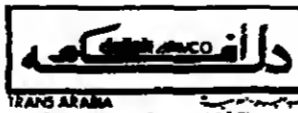
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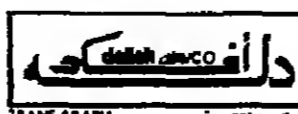


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Solidarity radio returns

Security units keep watch in Warsaw

WARSAW, Aug. 29 (R) — Extra security units on foot and in trucks kept watch in the streets of Warsaw Sunday as the authorities prepared for opposition demonstrations planned for Tuesday which they say could erupt into violence.

Official sources said state television would broadcast a speech by military leader Wojciech Jaruzelski on its main news program Sunday evening. The demonstrations were called by underground leaders of the suspended Solidarity trade union to celebrate the second anniversary of the movement's establishment.

In the last week, senior government and Communist Party figures have warned Poles that Tuesday's demonstrations would be a prelude to a general strike and armed uprising, and that the organizers were preparing weapons for use against police. Leaflets have called for demonstrations in Warsaw, Gdansk — the birthplace of Solidarity — and other major cities.

Zbigniew Bujak, the most prominent underground spokesman, was quoted in a bulletin as conceding there could be casual-

Taipei faces dilemma on reunification

TAIPEI, Aug. 29 (AP) — The Chinese Nationalists here still dismiss a 3-year-old offer from Peking to negotiate unification of Taiwan with the mainland. But they worry that the outside world will think them unreasonably obstinate and inflexible.

Seeking to soften the picture Nationalist leaders demand that the mainland Chinese government should drop communism and accept that the principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of Republican China, as a common ground. Under that framework, they suggest, obstacles to reunification will be "reduced naturally with the passage of time."

Sun Yat-sen's principles, vaguely worded, embodied his ideas about Chinese nationalism, Western-style democracy and "people's livelihood. The Communists and Nationalists would naturally differ on those principles. On People's livelihood, for example, the Nationalists favor capitalism.

Premier Sun Yung-shan, after proposing unification on the basis of Sun Yat-sen's principles, said: "If the political, economic, social and cultural gaps between the Chinese mainland and free China continue to narrow, the conditions for peaceful reunification can gradually mature."

Even that promise of rapprochement in a vaguely distant future has alarmed some of the 18 million Chinese of Taiwan. The government felt it necessary following the premier's speech to reassure them that talks were not imminent.

Taiwan faces a dilemma: How to avoid an image of hard-headedness which could hurt its international prestige while doing nothing to undermine its stability.

The Communists have promised to let Taiwan keep its present political, economic and military system in exchange for unification. It also suggests negotiations on exchanges of mail, people and trade. Any rumor that talks are to start would almost certainly create a crisis of confidence in the Nationalist regime and touch off an alarming flight of capital and people from the island.

The third party in the reunification tug-of-war is the United States. Peking maintains that if it continues to sell arms to Taiwan, the Nationalists will grow even more obstinate. The Nationalists report that without advanced military hardware it would be a distinct disadvantage at the negotiating table.

The American administration — friendly to Taiwan but persuaded of Peking's strategic value as a deterrent to the Soviet Union in Asia — announced Aug. 17 continued sales of F-5E fighter planes to Taiwan and a phasing out, in an unspecified time, of all military sales to the Nationalists.

The F-5Es have a range which would allow them to reach Shanghai and Kaohsiung on the mainland. Taiwan wanted to have 60 to 70 percent more firepower in order to bring the more distant big cities of Changsha and Wuhan within range.

If the government and the Kuomintang (Nationalist party) cultivate an air of qualified reasonableness on the reunification issue, most Chinese here — mainland-born and Taiwan-born alike — do not.

"Taiwan is the best," said Chen Yuan-dong, a technician with the Silver Arrow Film Studio. Just back from two weeks in Japan where he learned how to print color photos in four hours, he says he read and heard a good deal about the Chinese communists while there. "There is no freedom in China," he says, "and living standards are far below ours."

Kang Ning-hsiang, the leading Taiwan opposition legislator, is more emphatic. "If vote was taken here tomorrow, a majority would oppose reunification with the communists," he said. "If the United States wants to maintain security in the Pacific area, it must sell Taiwan advanced fighters." He said

ties. But he said the gatherings must go ahead to show there is still national support for Solidarity more than eight months after it was suspended at the introduction of martial law.

In a pastoral letter read in churches Sunday Catholic bishops said: "In the hearts of many Poles there is a feeling of rebellion and anger, disappointment and despair." But the letter called for the anniversary to be marked peacefully and said both the authorities and opposition groups shared responsibility for maintaining peace. There was growing tension, the bishops said, but this should be relieved through dialogue and not through violence and force.

Extra patrols of armed police were seen in the capital Sunday and security force trucks loaded with men were parked in several central streets. Last week, the security forces mounted a show of force in Gdansk and Szczecin, sending vehicles through the Baltic cities.

In a development, the clandestine radio Solidarity made a dramatic return to the airwaves Saturday night as the authorities and their underground opposition shaped up for a possibly violent confrontation.

Radio Solidarity, the voice of the union underground, interrupted a bulletin of news on state radio with an appeal to police. The broadcast was the first for nearly two months by the radio, earlier said by security forces to have been silenced for good.

It was quickly interrupted with loud music but an earlier transmission of the same message on an unused frequency called on police not to act too harshly against demonstrators next week.

The authorities meanwhile arrested 27 persons Saturday for printing and distributing leaflets in Poland calling for a demonstration Tuesday, the official news agency PAP said Sunday.

The report, which quoted a communiqué from the military prosecutor's office, did not say where the arrests took place but said all 27 would be tried by a military tribunal.

The communiqué also said that the military prosecutor's office had decided to crack down on "anti-Socialist forces trying to organize street demonstrations on Aug. 31."

Drug peddlers arrested in Italy

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 29 (AFP) — A total of 62 persons were arrested in northern Italy this weekend for drug peddling, with French and U.S. connections, police announced here Sunday. The crackdown occurred Saturday in Milan, Verona, and Trent. Police said those arrested belonged to a ring smuggling Turkish morphine and heroin into Italy.

The morphine was chemically treated in Sicily before being re-exported to Marseille, southern France, and the United States, police said. The heroin went mainly to the domestic market. The five leaders of the ring are alleged to have been arrested in recent months in Turkey, Greece, and Tunisia.

Meanwhile, the Trent public prosecutor, who is conducting the investigation, has issued indictments against about 20 other persons already being held in Italian jails in connection with other drug offenses.

They include alleged Mafia chiefs Rosario d'Agostino, Matteo Buccola, and Gerlando Alberti, arrested and indicted several months ago after the discovery of two secret laboratories near Palermo, Sicily. Police said that some members of the ring were also involved in arms smuggling for Italian terrorist groups, but gave no details.

Defector's family arrives in Bonn

BONN, Aug. 29 (AFP) — An East German diplomat posted in Colombia arrived in Bonn Sunday with his wife and two children after taking refuge in West German Embassy in Bogota, an informed source said here.

The source named the diplomat as Manfred Jantschek, aged 35. His precise diplomatic function has not yet been established, but his wife is said to have been the secretary of the East German ambassador to Bogota.

The source said that the Jantscheks initially tried to catch a plane to West Germany but were stopped by East German security men, who then informed the Colombian authorities that the Jantscheks' papers were not in order. But the Jantscheks applied to the West German consulate in Bogota, which supplied them with passports for West Germany.

Irish explosives seized

BELFAST, Aug. 29 (AP) — Police stopped a truck between Banbridge and Gilford, Northern Ireland, Saturday night and said they found more than one ton (more than 1,000 kilos) of explosives aboard, packed into plastic bags and hidden under bales of straw. Fusewire and detonators were also found, they said.

Several families had to leave their homes while a British army bomb disposal squad examined the haul. The find came at the end of a week which saw a renewal of violence in the 13-year armed struggle of the mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army against British rule in the Protestant majority province



Spadolini seeks mandate today

ROME, Aug. 29 (R) — Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini goes before parliament Monday seeking a mandate for Italy's 42nd government since World War II, an administration identical to the 41st, against a steadily worsening economic background.

Although Spadolini seems certain to win parliament's approval for his program of institutional changes and measures to bring down public spending, many politicians feel that his government will be short-lived and that elections are inescapable by next spring.

His previous five-party coalition collapsed earlier this month when Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi temporarily withdrew his support.

Political sources say the key figure in resolving the crisis was Ciriaco De Mita, Christian Democrat Party secretary, who has reasserted the political ascendancy of Italy's dominant party.

Spadolini has made a 10-point plan of institutional changes, aimed at speeding up Italy's cumbersome legislative procedures, the cornerstone of his new government's program. But the main problem facing his administration is the worsening state of Italy's economy.

Figures released Saturday show that prices in Milan, Italy's commercial capital, have this month risen by 1.59 percent, indicating a quickening in the pace of inflation.

Industry minister Giovanni Marcora said in a newspaper interview published Sunday that if the government's plans to curb public spending, which came to grief in the recent political crisis, were not applied very shortly the country could face economic collapse.

Thais fear Viet offensive

BANGKOK, Aug. 29 (R) — Vietnam has been building up its forces in Kampuchea and may be planning a major offensive against Khmer resistance groups near the Thai border, Thai military sources said Sunday.

The sources said that since mid-July Hanoi had sent fresh troops to replace units in western Kampuchea and had flown more than 100 Soviet T-54 heavy tanks and long-range artillery into Kampuchea to augment its forces.

They said intelligence reports indicated that the Vietnamese were probably preparing a big campaign next month against the Khmer Rouge and guerrillas led by Son Sann and Prince Norodom Sihanouk before the convening of the U.N. General Assembly.

The sources said they believed a Vietnamese offensive was being planned to discredit the fighting capability of the resistance groups. The three groups have formed a coalition to oppose the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government which ousted the Khmer Rouge. The coalition, with Prince Sihanouk as president, hopes to retain the seat of Democratic Kampuchea at the United Nations formerly represented only by the Khmer Rouge.

Thai officials said the expected Vietnamese offensive before the end of the current monsoon season would threaten the Thai border

U.S. inciting war, Nicaraguan says

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AFP) — War between Nicaragua and Honduras would seem to be inevitable because the United States is trying to provoke it, Nicaraguan junta coordinator Daniel Ortega said in an interview Sunday in *The New York Times*.

The junta leader, who functions as his country's head of state, said a U.S. "policy of aggression" against Nicaragua had not changed since George Shultz replaced Alexander Haig as secretary of state in June.

Ortega was commenting on recent statements by Deputy Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas Enders, who proposed the withdrawal from Central America of all military advisors — Americans as well as Cubans — and denounced what he called the totalitarian and militaristic character of the Nicaraguan regime. Ortega said the United States, while talking about possible negotiations, was in fact "fortifying the armed aggression against Nicaragua" by reinforcing Honduran

Against a backdrop of worsening economy Brazil's 'battle of the ballot' begins

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 29 (R) — Campaigning has begun for Brazil's wide-ranging elections in 20 years, against a backdrop of economic worries that include stubbornly high inflation and mounting foreign debts.

Street barbecues with bands and dancing are being used to create interest, but politicians are preparing for a tough campaign as the Nov. 15 polls approach.

Battle has already begun on television with a series of advertisements, while in Brazil's interior there have even been gun battles between rival factions.

The country's economic problems are formidable. Recovery from last year's severe recession has been slow, and in the year to July the inflation rate rose to 99.5 percent. Economic sources say total foreign debt will reach \$80 billion by the end of the year, about the same as that of Mexico.

Yet the government is sticking firmly to its economic policy. Planning Minister Antonio Delfim Netto has said there will be no change before the elections and no request to international banks for deferment of debt repayments. President Joao Figueiredo also has ruled out ministerial reshuffles.

Until last November some economists expected the military, which has ruled Brazil since a 1964 coup, to relax its monetary and fiscal policies in order to create employment and help the pro-government Social Democratic Party (PDS) at the polls.

Then President Figueiredo announced new election rules which most commentators said would virtually guarantee victory for the PDS.

The new rules ban coalitions and lay down that a party can enter elections only in areas where it has candidates for all the different posts — for both houses of congress, state governors and assemblies and municipal officials. But in Brazil's five parties, the PDS is the only one reasonably well organized and well funded to do this. The big question of the kind of ballot paper to be used has still not been decided.

The government has suggested that voters, who number some 53 million and are legally obliged to exercise their franchise, should fill in the names of candidates themselves in separate boxes for senator, deputy, state governor down to local councilor. The names must all be from the same party or the paper is nullified.

Some political commentators think this will mean a large number of spoiled ballot papers, which could decimate the opposition vote and possibly invalidate the elections.

Even if the opposition wins a majority in congress it will not be able to do much to change the economic policies of a "highly centralized and still authoritarian regime," wrote political columnist Carlos Castello Branco in the independent *Jornal do Brasil*.

President Figueiredo took office in March 1979, the fifth military head of state since the 1964 coup, and promised to introduce more democratic freedoms.

But his years in office have coincided with a

steadily worsening in the country's economic problems, heightened by high interest rates and a massive oil import bill which is only this year showing signs of declining, economic sources said.

After last year's recession there were faint signs of an upturn in industrial activity, together with a drop in unemployment in the major cities.

Industrial production in the year to the end of June was running at 6.16 percent below the previous 12 months, but unemployment dropped to seven percent in Rio de Janeiro in May from 10 percent in January, statistics institute figures show.

Unemployment fell to 5.4 percent of the workforce in Sao Paulo in May from nine percent in January, though no figures are available for the vast number of jobless and underemployed people in rural regions, economic sources said. But a shadow was thrown over this apparent slight upturn by the upsurge in inflation, plus the decline in exports.

Following the November polls, local businessmen expect changes in the government's inflation indexing system, or monetary correction, and possibly a more flexible exchange rate policy to help Brazilian exports to be more competitive.

As poll row heats up Spain reviewing pope trip

MADRID, Aug. 29 (R) — Spanish bishops were Sunday said to be reconsidering plans for a papal visit to Spain in October as controversy mounted over a decision to hold general elections within six days of the pope's departure. Church sources said the bishops might recommend that Pope John Paul postpone his visit by several weeks to avoid a clash with the elections set for Oct. 28.

The pope is currently scheduled to spend eight days in Spain from Oct. 14 to 22 at the height of the campaign for the election of a new Cortes (parliament) which the opposition Socialists are expected to win. The timing of the elections has sparked off a major row, symbolized by editorials in two Madrid newspapers Sunday.

One, in the conservative *ABC*, was headlined "The Pope Should Come." The other, in the liberal *Diario 16*, carried the title "The Pope Should Not Come." The opposition left-wing parties argue that the pope's presence is bound to become a major electoral factor because politics and religion are so inextricably linked in this traditionally Roman Catholic country.

Alfonso Guerra, deputy leader of the Socialist Party, has openly accused the ruling centrist party of seeking to exploit the papal visit for electoral ends. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo told the nation Friday that he was calling early elections because the Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) could not govern effectively, following defections and a string of disastrous defeats in regional elections.

The chief defector, the party's founder and former Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, joined the Communists and Socialists in criticizing the timing of the election because of its proximity to the papal tour.

The parties to the right are reckoned to have most to gain from the visit because they would be able to exploit the pope's conservative teaching on issues like divorce. Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez said it was anomalous to hold a papal tour during the election campaign. Communist leader Santiago Carrillo described the timing as irresponsible and Suarez said it should have been avoided.

Politicians also fired their first campaign shots even though official campaigning only

After several years of export growth averaging 20 percent a year, foreign sales slumped 9.9 percent in the first seven months of this year compared with last year's figure. Brazil showed a trading profit of \$260 million but only because imports plunged 13.3 percent.

When the latest inflation figures became known it was rumored that ministers might be changed, and in particular that Planning Minister Delfim Netto would be made a scapegoat for the economic troubles.

But President Figueiredo helped to dispel those rumors at a press conference in Canada and the minister himself was adamant that nothing would change before the elections. "We are going to continue with the same monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policy," he said.

"We have averted the threat of external strangulation, we have a surplus on the trade account, we have won the battle to boost agricultural production and we have achieved a substantial redistribution of wealth — all that without diverting from the main objective, which is to widen democratic freedoms."

He left no doubt that the government opposed any renegotiation of Brazil's foreign debt.

Indians quizzing intruding Chinese

NEW DELHI, Aug. 29 (AFP) — The Indian Army is questioning two Chinese engineers taken into custody after they crossed into Indian territory in the strategic Arunachal Pradesh on Aug. 14, the *Indian Express* said Sunday.

The Chinese told interrogators they had crossed into India in the hope of getting across to Japan or Australia for better jobs, the paper said quoting unidentified senior military sources. But Indian authorities were not satisfied with their explanations, and they were now being interrogated by various Indian intelligence agencies.

The federal government here refused comment on the report, but the paper added: "The capture of the two engineers is reported to be the first case of Chinese-technical personnel trying to infiltrate." Four Chinese were recently captured by Indian Army units patrolling the Sikkim border. At least 15 Chinese including two women had also been arrested by Indian authorities in the last six months, the paper said.

The sources told the *Express* the recent spurt in arrests might be a coincidence, though it followed the defection of a 23-year-old soldier of the Chinese Army in Sikkim in last April. The soldier turned himself over to the Indians and sought protection, the paper said.

"Army authorities are trying to see if the Aug. 14 incident suggests a trend," it added. "It is acknowledged that stray incidents like these do take place, but their frequency has become rather disturbing."

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